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Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Belchertown, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the officers of the town, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A town clerk, three selectmen, three assessors, a treasurer, an auditor, five constables, a tax collector, one school committee, all for one year; one school committee for three years, also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. Vote "Yes or No." All on one ballot in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination, three fence viewers, eight measurers of wood, eight surveyors of lumber, six field drivers, two almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund, and one commissioner of burial grounds for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools.

ART. 6. To raise money for school books and other supplies. Also for transportation of scholars.

ART. 7. To see if the town will raise money for repairs and furnishing school houses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray town and pauper expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to see if any part of said money be paid for permanent improvements.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means of collecting taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 11. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sections 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 of Chapter 50 of the Public Statutes, pertaining to sidewalks.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500 to be used for the construction of concrete walks, beginning at the northeast corner of B. Butler's property and running southerly on the west side of Main street to the Arnold place. And then beginning at the southwest corner of Nathaniel Dwight's property and running north on the east side of North Main street as far as said sum will permit.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to adopt a by-law to compel the abutters to clear, or cause to be cleared, of snow and ice the concrete walks in front of said abutter's property within twenty-four hours after the abatement of a storm, or be subject to a fine of five dollars. According to the petition of H. A. Hopkins and nine others.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to grant a franchise to a corporation to be known as the Belchertown Water Company, the right to lay pipes in highways, and to do other work and constructions necessary for the completion of a water supply system. According to the petition of L. W. Dillon and ten others.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a sewer 250 feet long, on Depot street, and one 570 feet long, on Central street, said sewer to run to the river; also to see what action the town will take in regard to building a sidewalk on Depot and Central streets in South Belchertown. This article is inserted according to the petition of A. Adams, Jr., and nine others.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to build a new school house in Union District, and raise and appropriate $800, or such other sum as may be necessary for building the same. This article is inserted according to the petition of W. M. Goodell and sixteen others.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to discontinue a portion of the highway leading from Amherst to Granby, beginning at a point

about three rods north of the Central Vermont railroad tract, and extending south to the highway leading past the house of Daniel K. Wilson. This article is inserted according to the petition of L. W. Goodell and fourteen others.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to locate a new highway, beginning at a point about three rods north of the Central Vermont railroad, on the highway leading from Amherst to Granby, and extending thence, easterly, to the highway leading from Amherst to Belchertown, at a point near the house of Patrick Joy. This article is inserted according to the petition of L. W. Goodell and fifteen others.

ART. 19. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $100 for the use of Memorial Day services by the E. J. Griggs Post No. 97, G. A. R., on petition of John Anderson and twenty one others.

ART. 20. To see if the town will accept of an act to authorize towns to place the administration of their highways under a single highway surveyor, Chap. 374 Acts of 1895, said surveyor to be elected by the voters of the town, at the annual meeting each year, and shall have the exclusive control of the ordinary repairs of the highways, townways, streets, causeways, and bridges, in said town, without being subject to the authority of the selectmen.

ART. 21. To see if the town will exempt from taxes the building owned by J. R. Gould, on Maple street, to be used for a shoe shop, for three years, according to the petition of A. W. Morse and twenty others.

ART. 22. To see if the town will raise the sum of fifty dollars to defray the expense of mowing and repairing the several burying grounds in town.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use and care of the town house. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell, take care of the town clock, and drive the hearse for the year ensuing.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the chairman of the selectmen and treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 25. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $100 for the Young Ladies Guild, to partially defray the expenses of lighting and caring for the lamps on the Common, the ensuing year, according to the petition of E. S. Bridgman and eleven others.

ART. 26. To see if the town will accept of the contract of the selectmen for the sale of the Lyman Hubbard place to Wm. Snow, and appoint the selectmen and their successors in office to fulfill the same.

ART. 27. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors presented by the selectmen.

ART. 28. To hear the report of the selectmen on guide-boards.

ART. 29. To see if the town will appropriate the dog fund, so called, to the use of the Clapp Memorial Library.

ART. 30. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a fire-proof safe, for the safe keeping of the town books and records.

ART. 31. To hear the report of the committee on water supply. According to the petition of R. Allen and eleven others.

ART. 32. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, Baptist church, depot at Dwight Station, and at Tylerville, ten days at least before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not, and make due return with your doings thereon to the town clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, A.D., 1896.

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
MYRON S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Assessors' Report.

We, the assessors of Belchertown respectfully submit the following report. Rate of taxation $12.50 per $1,000.

Valuation of real estate,	$718,840 00	
Valuation of personal estate,	121,875 00	
		$840,715 00
Tax on real estate,	8,985 50	
Tax on personal estate,	1,523 43	
Tax on polls, 546,	1,092 00	
		$ 11,600 93

We have assessed a tax as follows:

For support of schools,	$4,800 00	
School books,	200 00	
Repairs on school houses,	200 00	
Town and pauper expenses,	2,000 00	
Highways and bridges,	2,000 00	
Care of burial grounds,	50 00	
Foot-bridge at Bondville,	150 00	
State tax,	540 00	
County tax,	1,368 17	
Overlayings,	293 63	
		$ 11,600 93

Number of persons paying poll tax only	166
" Acres of land assessed,	32,095
" Horses,	583
" Cows,	1,349
" Sheep,	77
" Swine,	257
" Neat cattle other than cows,	426
" Dwelling houses,	493
" Fowls,	4,210

ABATEMENTS.

Samuel Bragg,		$ 50	
Ansel Dorman,		2 00	
John B. Shea,		6 56	
Emory Squires,		1 25	
Edson Farrington,		94	
John G. Garvey,		1 25	
Frankie Jenks,		1 25	
Louis Germain,		11 75	
E. S. Snow,		2 50	
Wilson Hamilton,		29 44	
			$57 44
Abated for 1894,	Louis Germain,	13 30	
	John Perkins,	1 43	
			$14 73

WILLIAM BURNETT,
GUY C. ALLEN,
ANSEL C. SHAW,
Assessors of Belchertown.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

1895.		
Feb. 18	Balance due on settlement,	$4,607 36
	Six collector's deeds,	88 90
	G. H. B. Green's note,	20 00
March 2	Cash of Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	63 00
2	William Burnett,	115 00
2	William Burnett, 1893 tax,	50 00
19	Nelson Randall, from M. M. Thayer,	8 00
28	Estate of Mrs. S. D. Goddard,	100 00
April 1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	52 97
3	Wm. Burnett,	85 00
8	Town of Ludlow, acct. of schools,	7 75
9	E. Slater, for plank,	1 00
9	Guy C. Allen, Auct. license,	2 00
11	H. H. Chilson, fines from Dist. Court,	14 00
18	Nelson Randall, rent of Hubbard place,	4 50
May 1	Alexander Adams, liquor license,	1,500 00
1	C. H. Snow, liquor license,	1 00
8	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	71 00
8	A. A. Curry, license,	1 00
15	State Treas., temporary support of pauper,	10 63
June 1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	61 01
1	John Stadler, butcher license,	1 00
1	A. M. Bagg, " "	1 00
1	E. F. Towne, " "	1 00
13	County treasurer, rent of town hall,	2 00
July 1	Wm. Burnett,	100 00
1	Wm. Burnett, 1893 tax,	20 25
2	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	66 68
5	H. M. Jepson, butcher license,	1 00
6	H. F. Shaw, Auct. license,	2 00
9	H. H. Chilson, fines from Dist. Court,	60 00

Aug. 1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	55	50
16	State treasurer, support state pauper,	75	30
16	Wm. Burnett,	325	00
19	" "	155	00
26	" "	175	00
27	G. H. B. Green, note and interest,	20	65
27	G. H. B. Green, for books,		30
28	Wm. Burnett,	240	00
Sept. 2	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	52	67
5	Wm. Burnett,	225	00
10	" "	200	00
16	" "	365	00
18	Nelson Randall, from R. R., concrete walks,	14	67
23	City of Holyoke,	5	00
28	Wm. Burnett,	290	00
Oct. 2	J. E. Clark, fine of A. B. Cook,	8	00
3	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	62	61
5	Wm. Burnett,	250	00
12	" " 1893 tax,	65	00
12	" "	235	00
12	" " Concrete walk tax,	53	31
14	Overseer poor, town of Amherst,	31	00
19	George Alexander, butcher's license,	1	00
21	Wm. Burnett,	300	00
31	" " Concrete walk tax,	25	72
31	" "	285	00
Nov. 1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	54	54
4	Wm. Burnett, concrete walk tax,	50	80
4	" "	420	00
5	" "	235	00
8	" "	175	00
11	" "	220	00
13	A. H. Bartlett, on overpaid bill,	5	89
16	Wm. Burnett, concrete walk tax,	24	89
16	" "	450	00
19	A. S. Geer,	30	00
19	Wm. Burnett,	465	00
21	" "	300	00
22	" "	200	00

	26	Wm. Burnett,	280 00
	29	" "	475 00
	30	" "	415 00
Dec.	3	" "	525 00
	4	Town of Palmer, for foot-bridge,	150 00
	4	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	58 80
	7	Wm. Burnett,	400 00
	11	Corporation tax,	203 15
	11	National Bank tax,	441 50
	11	State aid,	797 00
	12	Wm. Burnett,	375 00
	12	Town of Prescott, aid to Mary Gibbs,	15 00
	14	Wm. Burnett,	200 00
	23	Wm. Snow, rent of Hubbard place,	7 50
	23	" " apply on sale Hubbard place,	25 00
	24	Wm. Burnett,	300 00
	31	" "	300 00
1896.			
Jan.	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	39 55
	2	Brigham Day, board at alms house,	27 00
	3	J. E. Clark, fine G. W. Haynes,	30 00
	4	Estate of Mrs. Irene Chandler,	100 00
	6	Wm. Burnett, concrete walk tax,	35 61
	6	" " 1893 tax,	50 00
	6	" "	250 00
	6	Town of Enfield, support of Clara Walker,	4 64
	13	Wm. Burnett, 1894 tax,	59 11
	13	" "	300 00
	13	County treasurer, dog fund,	269 63
	16	H. H. Chilson, clerk District Court, fines,	19 88
	21	Wm. Burnett,	265 00
	27	State treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	369 20
	27	" " transportation state pauper,	2 40
	29	Mary Russell Muzzey, support, N. Russell,	41 75
Feb.	3	Wm. Burnett, concrete walk,	26 46
	3	" "	130 00
	3	Nelson Randall, support Achsah Cowles at almshouse,	5 00
	4	" " Creamery Co.,	50 04
	8	Wm. Snow, apply on sale Hubbard place,	10 00

12	Edson Farrington,	25 00
12	Wm. Burnett,	280 00
14	Simon Kelley,	8 00
15	Nelson Randall, care of S. L. Howard,	4 18
15	Edson Farrington, driving hearse,	80 00
15	" " lumber, etc.,	20 76
15	G. H. B. Green, for book,	28
15	Wm. Burnett, 1894,	100 00
15	" "	427 00
16	" "	72 17
		$21,336 51

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1895.		
Feb. 18	Six collector's deeds,	$ 88 90
	G. H. B. Green's note,	20 00
20	By cash paid discharging collector's deed, Geo. Carver,	25
March 1	O. Walker, Ins. on Franklin sch. house,	15 00
April 10	for treasurer's book,	1 75
May 15	for check perforator,	13 50
June 1	State treasurer, acct. liquor licenses,	375 25
Oct. 1	County tax,	1,368 17
Dec. 11	State tax,	540 00
1896.		
Feb. 11	D. M. Donalson, services Dist. Court, Williams case,	18 12
17	711 town orders delivered selectmen,	15,243 74
	Services as treasurer,	60 00
	Cash on hand,	3,591 83
		$21,336 51

ARTHUR BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Warden's Report.

Cash Received.

From E. C. Witt, milk and eggs,		$24 10
Late Daniel Packard,		3 10
Clarence Tilley, potatoes,		3 00
Henry Witt, one trap,		20
E. C. Witt, sawdust,		25
Kelton & Co., pork,		34 06
Miss Barton,	potatoes,	1 12
George Witt,	"	1 50
George Harvey,	"	1 50
Charlie Batchelor,	"	1 50
E. C. Witt,	"	3 70
Frank Wilson,	"	9 00
Brigham Day, board,		67 00
Mr. Spencer, pigs,		8 00
P. W. Chapman, potatoes,		1 90
Ware,	"	13 50
T. M. Kentfield,	"	1 00
H. M. Dunbar, pigs, and use of bull,		7 00
E. F. Towne, one veal,		7 80
L. W. Dillon, apples,		14 25
George Akers, chickens,		1 20
W. H. Hawks, pork,		15 90
Emery Munsell,	use of bull,	2 00
G. Clough,	" "	1 00
Israel Boyden,	" "	1 50
Dr. C. B. King,	" "	1 50
John Bardell,	" "	1 00
E. S. Snow,	" "	1 50
Wm. Burnett, use of lockup,		2 50
E. C. Witt, one cot bed,		3 00
Brigham Day, board,		12 00
Charlie Walker, use of bull,		1 00

Wilson Hamilton, barrels,	45	
Kate Foley, potatoes,	1 30	
Calvin Lowell, labor with team,	3 00	
Henry Jepson, hides and tallow,	2 75	
Oliver Hyde, one veal, and ducks,	10 00	
Driving hearse,	80 00	
R. H. Long, shoe company,	19 80	
Simon Kelley, lumber,	8 00	
T. J. Parsons, potatoes,	2 00	
		$373 68
Cash paid out,		371 68
Balance in hands of the warden,		$ 2 00

Cash paid out by Edson Farrington as Warden.

Paid to treasurer,	$52 00
Oliver Shanon, filing saws,	50
G. B. Kentfield, "	15
For fresh fish,	93
Prouty, repairing,	4 20
M. L. Sanford, eggs,	77
Peter Polon, labor,	10 80
Wire for fencing,	2 05
Lap robe,	3 25
George Harvey, papering and painting,	6 50
For help in the house,	17 50
A. B. Howard, butter,	15 00
F. L. Stebbins, plow castings,	1 70
J. R. Gould, fertilizer,	5 50
H. D. Hoag, "	6 00
E. C. Witt, seed peas,	1 20
Harry Griffin, groceries,	4 35
M. A. Dickinson, seed corn,	1 00
George Warner, "	35
E. C. Witt, plants,	50
H. D. Hoag, plaster,	1 60
Blanket,	1 75
B. L. Thresher, repairing,	30
William Carter, "	5 10

Wilson Hamilton, berries,		55
J. R. Gould, fertilizer,	6	30
F. L. Stebbins, repairs for mowing machine,	1	44
J. W. Jackson, crackers,	5	59
F. L. Stebbins, plow castings,	1	20
George Bruce, floor boards,	1	80
Henry Lampson, ice,	1	50
E. F. Towne, grain,	7	70
Grace Ayers, tea and spices,	1	00
Watering tubs,	1	00
Bond & Co., lumber,	7	95
George Bruce, planeing,		68
Freight bill,		28
Oliver Hyde, supplies from Homer Foot & Co.,	2	60
Fred Burnett, fish,		20
Oliver Hyde, express,		25
Wm. Carter, repairing,	4	00
H. F. Shaw, "		50
J. W. Jackson, crackers,	2	20
For getting ice,	9	80
Wm. Snow, supplies,		45
Lyman Jenck, cutting timber,	1	50
Clothing for children,	5	33
Prouty, repairing,	2	55
Mrs. Emma Shaw, labor,	1	75
E. S. Snow, sawing, and making cider,	7	23
A. B. Howard, butter,	23	62
A. B. Howard, *Homestead* for 1895-96,	2	00
Wm. Burnett, repairing,	3	75
E. C. Witt, use of boar,	1	00
Peter Polon, labor,	7	10
Kate Foley, sand,	1	30
Calvin Lowell, labor,	3	00
Henry Jepson, butchering,	2	75
To treasury,	80	00
To treasurer,	28	76
		$371 68

PAUPER IN ACCOUNT.

Paid	H. R. Gould, supplies for almshouse,	$ 5	30
	E. A. Farrington, warden, to April 1, 1895,	100	00
	L.A. Smith, services, coffin, box for D.Packard,	15	00
	G. F. Thomson, medical services, "	6	00
	H. O Mellen, digging grave "	3	50
	D. L. Hazen, supplies for the almshouse,	9	33
	Dorman & Sanford, grain, "	115	67
	H. R. Gould, supplies, "	10	66
	G. W. Kelley, painting, "	39	00
	D. L. Hazen, painting materials, "	27	48
	D. L. Hazen, supplies, "	9	56
	W. E. Bridgman, paint, "	3	89
	E. A. Farrington, salary as warden 3 mos.,	100	00
	Dorman & Sanford, grain for almshouse,	65	72
	H. R. Gould, supplies, "	17	70
	W. L. Sanford, supplies, "	18	32
	W. E. Bridgman, supplies, "	22	29
	A. C. Smith, bull for town farm,	15	00
	Peter Pole, labor, "	20	00
	C. L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	4	90
	C. B. King, medical attendance, "	6	00
	D. L. Hazen, supplies, "	17	05
	Elizabeth Town, labor, "	6	00
	Dorman & Sanford, grain, "	85	20
	H. R. Gould, supplies, "	15	44
	Roswell Allen, hay carrier, "	25	00
	E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100	00
	C. L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	2	67
	Peter Pole, labor on town farm,	81	75
	W. L. Sanford, supplies for almshouse,	15	03
	H. R. Gould, supplies, "	20	52
	C. L. Holland, supplies, "	1	70
	D. P. Spencer, cow, "	40	00
	Dorman & Sanford, grain, "	56	12
	Dorman & Sanford, cow, "	40	00
	Oliver Shannon, repairs, "	39	72
	H. R. Gould, supplies, "	8	91

E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies "	55 85	
F. L. Stebbins, feed cutter, "	28 50	
E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100 00	
C. L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	2 15	
D. L. Hazen, " "	13 51	
W. E. Bridgman, " "	26 98	
W. L. Sanford, " "	13 89	
H. F. Curtis, horse shoeing,	13 27	
H. A. Hopkins, supplies, "	36 46	
C. H. Snow, " "	4 15	
G. F. Thomson, medical services, "	2 00	
E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies, "	10 30	
W. E. Bridgman, supplies, "	9 16	
		$1,486 65

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

By cream furnished creamery,	$653 52	
Cash paid treasurer,	160 76	
Increase of personal property at almshouse,	345 04	
Due from Wilson Hamilton,	6 60	
Edwin Smith,	2 25	
George Kelley,	1 60	
		1,169 77
Actual expense of paupers at the almshouse,		$316 88
Average number of inmates at almshouse,	7 5-6	
Number of tramps lodged and fed,	330	

We cannot close this report without again calling the attention of our citizens to the excellent condition of affairs that prevails both in the house and on the farm. The farm is increasing in productiveness yearly, and the credit of this is due to the wise management which has prevailed there, which has only to be seen to be appreciated.

PAUPER OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Shaw Bros., supplies for A. F. Shearer,	$10 00
Sarah C. King, care and board, Cephas Hyde,	4 00
G. F. Thomson, medical attendance, "	23 00
George Harvey, care of C. Hyde 17 days,	34 00

Albert Wood, care of Clara Walker,	9 29
Albert Wood, " "	32 50
Sarah C. King, care and board of C. Hyde,	5 00
E. B. Nims, care of Clara Leach,	41 79
Town of Monson, aid for J. Blake and family,	3 55
Shaw Bros., supplies for A. F. Shearer,	10 00
Edward Dupre, clothes for Thos. O'Brien,	20 00
G. A. Harvey, care of Cephas Hyde,	16 00
Sarah C. King, " "	4 00
Mary White, " "	10 00
Sarah C. King, " "	2 50
Mary White, " "	5 00
G. A. Harvey, " "	13 00
Albert Wood, care of Clara Walker,	42 25
E. B. Nims, care of Clara Leach,	42 25
J. A. Barrett, part payment of J. Fuller's fare to Ill.,	10 00
W. M. Goodell, supplies for Mrs. Isham,	13 62
C. B. King, medical attendance, Alfred Isham,	3 50
T. J. Lyndes, care of Ida Merchant,	2 50
J. R. Gould, rent of tenement, Ida Merchant,	4 00
Nelson Randall, expenses removal of "	7 13
G. F. Thomson, medical attendance, "	20 00
G. F. Thomson, " Bosquet child,	15 00
Mrs. E. M. Pratt, nursing Mrs. Bosquet & child,	4 00
C. B. Knowlton, board of " "	12 00
Albert Wood, care of Clara Walker,	42 71
E. B. Nims, care of Clara Leach,	42 71
C. H. Snow, medicine for Mrs. Merchant,	1 17
C. B. King, medical attendance, Mrs. Gibbs,	15 00
D. L. Hazen, shoes for Mrs. Merchant,	1 00
Francis Norton, for Mary H. Moulton, hospital,	23 00
W. M. Goodell, supplies for Alfred Shaw,	7 97
C. B. King, medical attendance, Stephen White,	3 65
G. H. Bruce, wood, "	3 50
C. E. Wheeler, sawing wood, "	1 50
E. R. Blackmer, wood, "	3 50
C. E. Wheeler, sawing wood, "	2 00
E. B. Nims, care of Clara Leach,	46 89
W. H. Hawks, rent for Stephen White,	6 00

Halloran Bros, clothes for Thos. O'Brien,	38 75	
C. B. King, medical attendance, S. White,	14 50	
		$673 73
The town has been reimbursed as follows:		
From Town of Amherst, Bosquet case,	31 00	
Prescott, Mary Gibbs case,	15 00	
Enfield, Clara Walker case,	4 64	
Mary Russell Muzzey, Nellie Russell case,	41 75	
Arthur Howard, S. L. Howard case,	4 18	
N. Randall, Adm., Sarah A. Cowles, A. Cowles,	5 00	
		$101 57
		$572 16
Less amount due from the Commonwealth,		91 32
Actual expense of paupers outside almshouse,		$480 84

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
M. S. BARTON,
Overseers of Poor of Belchertown.

Collector's Report.

Amount to collect on assessors' warrants, August 1, 1895,	$11,590 93	
Added assessments,	10 00	
		$11,600 93
Abatements, 1895,		57 44
		$11,543 49
Paid treasurer to date,		10,432 00
Due the town on tax of 1895,	1,111 49	
1894,	24 81	
Total,		1,136 30

WM. BURNETT, *Collector.*

Report of Superintendent of Streets.

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

Paid Michael Covin,	labor and team,	$194 13
Frank Austin,	"	1 80
George Dwight,	"	1 03
Michael Austin,	" "	176 15
H. F. Pratt,	" "	90 60
Michael Bowler,	" "	134 40
Maurice Moriarty,	" "	66 35
J. M. Clough,	" "	35 00
M. G. Ward,	" "	51 80
H. M. Jepson,	dynamite,	8 59
Henry Lamson,	labor and team,	106 04
George Akers,	" "	178 92
Samuel Allen,	" "	35 39
E. A. Randall,	" "	65 25
A. L. Pratt,	" "	44 13
Guy Allen,	" "	35 68
Frank Wilson,	" "	155 25
Jason Hurlburt,	" "	109 95
C. S. Knight,	" "	6 00
George Fisher,	" "	13 81
E. S. Snow,	dynamite,	8 82
George Knight,	labor and team,	48 45
William Wolfske,	"	16 20
Bert Cutting,	"	9 60
George Bruce,	plank,	5 68
C. H. Randall,	labor and team,	23 70
Eugene Eaton,	"	2 25
Leroy Aldrich,	"	3 00
Bert Dodge,	"	2 35
	Dynamite,	28 55
Ben Hubbard,	labor,	16 50
Henry Mellen,	"	6 25
J. Archimbalt,	"	26 03

Tim Clifford, "	19 50	
John Pratt, "	12 77	
Bert Fellows, "	21 00	
Alvah Walker, "	1 50	
Willard Belding, "	2 55	
Herbert Shaw, "	1 25	
Horace Parsons, "	75	
Henry McKillop, labor and team,	7 00	
Munroe Olds, "	2 77	
D. Spencer, "	2 85	
Wm. Boyce, "	1 50	
H. Rice, "	1 75	
T. J. S. Parsons, "	1 50	
Wm. H. Bridgman, "	1 45	
T. S. Kenfield, gravel,	25	
G. F. Thomson, "	15 50	
George Hubbard, labor,	3 95	
George Chapin, "	2 77	
Melvin Bardwell, "	35	
Anson Dorman, "	60	
Wm. Hannum, "	4 05	
B. L. Thresher, repairing water tank,	1 65	
Dwight Towne, labor,	1 00	
H. F. Curtis, "	50	
Merrick Whittemore, labor,	25	
A. L. Blackmer, gravel,	20	
H. C. West, labor,	5 00	
J. H. Bardwell, "	3 25	
George Coomes, "	70	
D. F. Shumway, labor and cash paid,	384 35	
D. F. Shumway, services as agent,	25 00	
		$2,235 31

STREET RESOURCES.

Town appropriation, $2,348 15

Of this amount $800 was voted for permanent improvements. Owing, however, to the very heavy rainfall during the summer and fall months, I was obliged to use a portion of this amount for general repairs, and have expended but $550 for this specific purpose.

D. F. Shumway, *Supt. of Streets.*

Paid A. M. Baggs and others, snow bills for the year ending March 1st, 1895,	$123 84		
Edward A. Randall and others,	24 62		
Repairs on road scrapers, for the year,	33 35		
		$ 181	81
Replanking lower bridge at Bondsville,	47 66		
Repairs on upper bridge, Geo. W. Lyman,	25 00		
Salvator Enna, damage to horse on highway,	15 00		
Henry Jepson, horse breaking through bridge,	20 00		
John Hanifin, " "	10 00		
Superintendent,	2,235 31		
Full amount expended on highways,		$2,534	78

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
M. S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

BONDSVILLE FOOTBRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Paid Thos. O'Connor, abutments,	$ 53 50		
R. F. Hawkins Bridge Co., steel bridge,	309 00		
T. D. Potter & Co., lumber, footbridge,	2 15		
John Austin, approaches to footbridge,	4 90		
		$369	55
Cr.			
Town of Palmer, to apply on payment,		150	00
Total cost to Belchertown,		$219	55

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Paid Tim Clifford, for labor,	$11	65
Walter Elwood, "	5	85
F. G. Shaw, "	16	50
Horace Parsons, "	7	50
Alvah Walker, "	7	50
Wm. Boyce, "	7	50
Ray Aldrich, "	7	50
Warren Converse, "	6	00
Wm. Wilson, "	13	75
George Akers, "	14	00
Almon Slater, "	4	50

Wm. Wilskill, "	4 50	
Henry McKillop, "	10 75	
D. F. Shumway, "	1 75	
M. S. Barton, "	13 00	
T. S. Kenfield, for gravel,	5 25	
F. L. Stebbins, for plank,	8 61	
Calvin Lowell, for labor.	60	
Wm. Boyce, "	1 25	
L. C. Hill, laying concrete,	729 38	
		$877 34
Amount paid by the abutters,		287 93
Whole cost to the town,		$589 41
Amount appropriated by the town,		500 00
Exceeding the appropriation by		$89 41

It was deemed best to continue the walk as far as the depot, in view of all the circumstances, altho we greatly disliked to exceed the very liberal appropriation made by the town.

RERORT OF COLLECTOR ON SIDEWALKS.

Amount to collect on assessor's warrant, Sept. 2, 1895, of the abuttors of the concrete sidewalk,	$268 00
Paid treasurer to date, Feb. 15, 1895,	216 00
Balance due,	$ 52 00

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
MYRON S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the Year ending December 31, 1895.

VITAL STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January, 1	April, 4	July, 2	October, 4
February, 2	May, 3	August, 1	November, 4
March, 7	June, 3	September, 2	December, 4

Males, 15 Females, 22 Total, 37

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions recorded,		21
Number of marriages recorded,		20
First marriage,	Males, 18;	Females, 20
Second marriage,	Males, 2 ;	Females,
Youngest male married,	19;	Female, 15
Oldest male married,	49;	Female, 32

DEATHS.

January, 1	April, 4	July, 5	October, 3
February, 4	May, 8	August, 2	November, 4
March, 6	June, 3	September, 3	December, 2

Still born, 1

Less than one year old,	7	40 to 50 years old,	1
1 to 10 years old,	4	50 to 60 "	1
10 to 20 "	3	60 to 70 "	4
20 to 30 "	2	70 to 80 "	15
30 to 40 "	4	80 to 90 "	4

Males, 21 Females, 24 Total, 45

Native born, 40 Foreign born, 5

Diseases, or cause of death:

Lung disease,	9	Heart disease,	2
Diseases incidental to old age,	12	Cancer,	4
Accidental,	3	Typhoid fever,	1
Scarletina,	2	Other causes,	12

Number of town meetings during the year 1895,			3
Mortgages recorded during the year 1895,			13
Attachments recorded,			1
Assignment of wages,			1
Bills of sale,			1
Dogs licensed:			
Whole number, 179.			
Males, 171, at $2 each,		$342 00	
Females, 8, at $5 each,		40 00	
			$382 00

Paid the above amount (less fees) to county treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Lyman Worden, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Janitor.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for oil, wicks and chimneys,	$2 00	
Guild,	6 00	
One-half cord of wood,	2 50	
One cord of wood,	5 00	
Janitor's services,	7 00	
Kindle wood,	1 50	
Getting in wood twice,	1 00	
Oil and chimneys,	1 39	
D. F. Shumway, 2 1-4 cords wood,	8 00	
Sawing and getting in,	1 00	
		$35 37
Received for use of hall,	24 00	
Paid the treasurer, use of hall for court,	2 00	
Received for use of hall,	1 00	
Wood on hand,	8 39	
Fifty feet fire hose with nozzle,		$35 37
Theatre Co., two nights benefit concert,		11 50
Reported last year from Boys' Brigade due,		3 99

Abated, per order of the selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. A. Snow, *Janitor.*

Town Account.

Paid E. R. Bridgman, services as auditor, 1895,	$5	00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
M. A. Dickinson, services as election officer,	2	00
T. J. S. Parsons, " " "	2	00
Carpenter & Morehouse, printing ballots, voters' list,	15	25
C. L. Worden, repairing seats in town hall,	1	00
Wm. A. Snow, services, election officer,	2	00
R. K. Shumway, " " " Nov. '94, March, '95,	4	00
W. F. White, ringing bell, care and repair of clock,	5	50
F. L. Dewey services, election officer, Nov. '94, March, '95,	4	00
A. J. Morse, " " "	2	00
A. B. Shaw, " " " " "	4	00
E. A Randall, " " "	2	00
D. F. Shumway, " " " "	4	00
G. H. B. Greene, services as moderator,	3	50
G. H. B. Greene, services at water supply hearings,	10	84
Nelson Randall, services and expenses on water supply,	7	03
Guy C. Allen, cattle inspector for Feb. & March, '95,	19	25
Calvin Lowell, labor on well for high school,	30	00
G. H. B. Greene, expenses to Boston and return,	3	87
L. W. Dillon, " " "	5	50
Wm. H. Clapp, services on Leach crossing matter,	13	00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
Rockwell & Churchill, three license papers,		75
M. S. Barton, expenses to Boston, Palmer & Bondville,	11	75
A. C. Shaw, services as registrar,	2	00
Carpenter & Morehouse, 500 town reports,	44	00
Wm. Burnett, assessors' supplies,	12	78
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
F. S. Williams, services as election officer,	2	00
M. S. Barton, services in building concrete walks,	12	50
W. F. White, ringing bell, care of clock and repairs,	6	00
A. S. Walker, labor on high school well,	10	00
George Warner, " "	14	00

R. W. Lyman, drawing of mortgage,	2 00
Guy C. Allen, services as cattle inspector, Apr, May, June,	16 00
A. S. Geer, services as school committee,	30 00
T. J. S. Parsons, labor on high school well,	10 25
G. H. B. Greene, services as school committee,	25 00
T. D. Potter & Co., cement for high school well,	7 50
F. G. Shaw, labor on high school well,	1 00
Nelson Randall, traveling expenses, stationery, etc.,	10 00
G. H. Hubbard, labor on high school well,	12 37
E. C. Davis, services on water supply,	74 18
M. A. Morse, services as school committee,	25 00
Fred Purdy, repairing town clock,	4 85
A. L. Blackmer, two town order books,	6 75
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75
W. F. White, " " "	3 75
G. H. B. Greene, services as school committee,	15 00
Guy C. Allen, services as cattle inspector,	17 00
S. S. Taft, services as Att'ny in Leach crossing,	20 00
Wm. Boyce, watchman after burning of horse sheds,	2 00
M. A. Dickinson, " " "	2 00
M. S. Barton, services as selectmen and overseer poor,	25 00
Nelson Randall, " " " "	75 00
G. H. Hubbard, labor on north end well,	3 50
G. H. Draper, watchman at burning of Campbell's barn,	2 00
B. L. Thresher, repairing pump at high school well,	1 70
W. B. Shaw, pump, pipe, repairing and setting,	43 00
R. W. Lyman, consultation on Leach crossing matter,	3 00
F. L. Plantiff, services as police,	2 00
G. H. Draper, " "	2 00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75
Wm. G. Bassett, consultation in Dunlavy case,	2 00
A. C. Shaw, services as assessor, 1895,	70 00
E. R. Bridgman, administering oaths,	75
Wm. H. Pomeroy, examination of Henry McGilp,	20 00
Guy C. Allen, services as cattle inspector,	8 00
Guy C. Allen, services as assessor, 1895,	70 00
Wm. Boyce, cleaning high school well,	1 00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75
F. S. Wilson, services as special police,	4 00

A. S. Geer, services as school committee,	48	00
G. H. Hubbard, watering trough, paint, etc.,	4	00
E. C. & E. E. Davis, survey and plan, proposed state road,	42	35
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
J. R. Gould, services as special police, two days,	4	00
G. H. B. Greene, services as school committee,	40	00
Fred Dewey, services as election officer,	2	00
T. J. S. Parsons, " " "	2	00
W. H. Bridgman, commissioner of cemeteries,	48	15
A. C. Smith, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	35	00
Guy C. Allen, services as cattle inspector,	20	50
Rufus K. Shumway, services as election officer,	2	00
L. W. Dillon, use of team,	1	25
F. B. Purdy, services as election officer,	2	00
Fred Walker, " " "	2	00
M. S. Barton, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	40	00
R. W. Lyman, legal services,	2	00
E. C. & E. E. Davis, sketch and report on Leach crossing,	10	00
M. A. Morse, services as school committee,	44	00
M. G. Ward, services as election officer,	2	00
W. H. Bliss, returning three births,		75
David Ward, services as special police,	2	00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
Roswell Allen, services as election officer,	2	00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
W. S. Fisher, care of four town lots in cemetery,	6	50
Sanford I. Stebbins, lumber for high school well,	17	51
E. C. Howard, printing reward notices,		75
H. A. Smith, returning births,	2	75
E. L. Clapp, dog fund, Clapp library,	269	63
G. W. Longley's estate, wood, oil and chimneys,	4	62
Guy C. Allen, services as inspector of cattle,	46	00
Town of Granby, 1-3 cost of boundary line stones,	4	50
Nelson Randall, services as selectman and overseer poor,	50	00
E. R. Bridgman, services as justice of peace,		75
M. S. Barton, car fare to Boston for two, and Monson,	8	36
C. B. Southick, services as registrar,	7	00
G. F. Thomson, returning births,	5	00
E. A. Farrington, driving hearse,	76	00

A. C. Smith, services as election officer,		2 00
A. Bridgman, eight trips to Amherst,		6 80
C. L. Worden, salary, services as registrar, etc.,		77 85
C. L. Worden, recording births, marriages and deaths,		28 00
H. F. Shaw, services as election officer, etc.,		3 50
M. A. Morse, services as school committee,		31 00
Oliver Shannon, services as registrar,		11 00
L. A. Smith, returning deaths, for one year,		7 50
D. F. Shumway, 2 1-4 cords of wood for town house,		8 00
C. L. Worden, 50 copies of women's voting list,		1 65
Wm. Burnett, services as collector, 1894,		100 00
Wm. Burnett, services as assessor, 1895,		77 00
M. S. Barton, services as selectman and overseer of poor,		5 00
A. C. Smith, " " " "		21 60
Nelson Randall, " " " "		52 92
Nelson Randall, traveling expenses, postage, etc.,		9 83
E. S. Bridgman, oil, lamp chimneys, etc.,		1 39
A. B. Shaw, services as registrar,		11 00
Wm. Burnett, various services as constable,		37 25
" Abatement of taxes, 1895,		57 44
" " " 1894,		14 73
	$2,333	70
Less abatement,	72	17
	$2,261	53
Due from the state for salary of cattle and meat inspector,	63	37
	$2,324	90
We issued during the year 713 town orders amounting to	15,279	58
One outstanding order of last year, paid by treasurer,	4	41
	$15,283	99
One outstanding order, in hands of Wm. Burnett, $37 25		
" " " R. W. Lyman, 3 00		
	40	25
Amount paid by treasurer for year ending Feb. 15, '96,	$15,243	74
Paid on highway account, $2,534 78		

(For particulars see Supt. of street report.)

Paid on Bondsville footbridge account,	369 55	
Paid on sidewalk account,	877 34	
(For particulars see bridge and sidewalk report.)		
Paid on bills approved by school committee:		
For school account,	$5,106 36	
For town account,	761 47	
(For particulars see school committees' report.)		5,867 83
Disbursement of state aid,	1,030 00	
" military aid,	106 00	
		1,136 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from Arthur Bridgman, treasurer,	$3,591 83	
Wm. Burnett, tax of 1895,	1,111 49	
" " 1894,	24 81	
Geo. H. B. Greene, note,	20 00	
Six collector's deeds,	88 90	
Wm. Snow, on Coomes place,	100 00	
Commonwealth, state & military aid,	1,083 00	
		6,020 03

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE TOWN.

Town farm and buildings,	$5,000 00	
Town wood lots,	500 00	
Abbey pasture, 104 acres,	500 00	
		$6,000 00
Personal property at almshouse:		
Household furniture and provisions,	$994 48	
Wood on hand,	160 00	
Hay and grain,	519 04	
Farm tools, including wagons, sleds, etc.,	672 75	
Stock:		
One pair horses,	400 00	
Thirteen cows,	520 00	
Six yearlings,	90 00	
One bull,	25 00	
One hog,	15 00	

Seven shotes,	63 00	
Forty-five fowls,	27 00	
		$3,486 27
Total real and personal property of the town,		9,486 27

We hereby certify that the foregoing is, according to our best knowledge and belief, a true and correct report of the finances of the town.

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
M. S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Auditor's Report.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Belchertown, and that I find them correctly cast and properly vouched for, and that I have this day found in the town treasury, cash, checks and bank deposits amounting to $3,591.83.

WM. E. BRIDGMAN, *Auditor.*

Belchertown, Mass., February 18th, 1896.

Report of Burial Ground Commissioners.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1896.

Unexpended balance from last year,	$4 48	
Appropriation for this year,	50 00	
		$54 48
Paid for mowing brush in all the cemeteries,	23 00	
Setting up and straightening fallen stones,	25 15	
		48 15
Balance unexpended,		$ 5 73

E. F. TOWNE, Chairman.

List of Jurors.

Henry McKillop.
Merrill E. Williams.
Franklin B. Alden.
Daniel P. Spencer.
John Curran.
Alvertus W. Morse.
Rufus K. Shumway.
George E. Sanford.
Roswell Allen.
Michael P. Bowler.
Eugene White.
Frank W. Williams.
Irving L. Mills.
Henry A. Paine.
Edward A. Randall.
Howard C. West.
Guy C. Allen.
Michael F. Austin.
Thomas Cady.
Frank E. Bringman.
James F. Moriarty.
William Landers.
Herbert F. Shaw.
Clarence E. Scott.
John Garvey.
William F. Carter.
Enoch B. Sanford.
Edwin R. Bridgman.
Edgar S. Lane.
Charles S. Knight.
Henry M. Dunbar.

Report of School Committee.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1895,	$1,197 84	
Received tuition, Ludlow, 1894,	16 25	
Due " " 1895,	51 75	
Appropriation,	4,800 00	
Received state school fund,	369 20	
" Bridgman H. S. fund 1895,	257 70	
		$6,691 74

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages from treasury,	$4,702 69	
" " " Bridgman fund,	257 70	
Fuel,	284 17	
Janitors,	119 50	
		5,364 06
Unexpended balance,		1,327 68
		$6,691 74

School Account.

WAGES OF TEACHERS IN DETAIL.

High School,	Geo. F. Babb,	12	weeks at	$22.22	$266 66
" "	J. M. Rowell,	19	" "	20.84	395 93
" "	C. A. Guild,	5	" "	20.00	100 00
" "	Annie Whelan,	36	" "	10.00	360 00
Center Gram.	Capitola Fairchild,	32	" "	8.00	256 00
" Prim.,	Louise E. Allen,	32	" "	10.00	320 00
" South,	Luella P. Hawks,	32	" "	7.00	224 00
Mill Valley,	J. B. Knight,	10	" "	7.00	70 00
"	F. J. Morse,	21 1/5	" "	8.00	169 60
Cold Spring,	Nellie Landers,	10	" "	6.00	60 00
" "	Abbie E. Snow,	22	" "	6.00	132 00
Franklin,	Josie V. Sullivan,	32	" "	8.50	272 00
Liberty,	Rose B. Olds,	10	" "	5.00	50 00
"	" "	11	" "	5.50	60 50
"	Susan M. Hubbard,	11	" "	6.00	66 00
Washington,	Grace E. Morse,	21	" "	6.00	126 00
"	Rose B. Olds,	11	" "	5.50	60 50
Chestnut Hill,	Stella Weston,	10	" "	6.00	60 00
" "	Annie A. Bishop,	11	" "	7.00	77 00
" "	H. C. Knight,	11	" "	8.00	88 00
Rock Rimmon,	Susan M. Hubbard,	10	" "	5.00	50 00
" "	Mabel E. Ryther,	22	" "	6.00	132 00
Holyoke,	Ruby F. Knight,	10	" "	5.50	55 00
"	Susan M. Hubbard,	11	" "	5.50	60 50
"	Elizabeth Gulberlett,	11	" "	6.00	66 00
Federal,	Bessie L. Morse,	21	" "	7.00	147 00
"	" "	10	" "	7.50	75 00
Lake Vale,	Etta B. Gold,	32	" "	6.00	192 00
Union,	Arthur E. Pease,	19 3/5	" "	6.00	117 60
"	" "	12 2/5	" "	7.00	86 80
West Hill,	Daisy Davis,	3/5	" "	5.00	3 00
" "	Elizabeth Gulberlett,	21 2/5	" "	6.50	139 10
" "	Orison B. Lane,	10	" "	5.00	50 00

East Hill,	Florence L. Peeso,	10	"	"	6.60	65 00
" "	Olive Goodwin,	$10\frac{2}{5}$	"	"	5.50	57 20
" "	" "	11	"	"	6.00	66 00
Laurel,	Edith Towne,	32	"	"	6.00	192 00
Blue Meadow,	Julia B. Smith,	32	"	"	6.00	192 00

Total cost of teaching,		$4,960 39
Less paid from Bridgman fund,		257 70
Cost to town,		$4,702 69

FUEL.

Paid Henry McKellup,	$10 00		
Louis Germaine,	46 00		
H. D. Hoag,	17 50		
J. T. Geer,	5 00		
Arthur Aldrich,	21 50		
Martin Austin,	25 00		
Geo. H. B. Greene,	14 00		
E. E. Meade,	8 00		
Geo. H. Bruce,	1 37		
Thomas Jenks,	13 50		
A. W. Stacy,	37 00		
John Bardwell,	2 25		
H. T. Filer,	13 25		
F. S. Williams,	16 00		
E. R. Blackmer,	16 17		
David Ward,	13 00		
M. W. Bardwell,	10 00		
D. F. Shumway,	7 00		
H. S. Pratt,	5 00		
Kindlings,	2 63	$284 17	
Janitors' services,		119 50	
Total charged school account,			$5,106 36

REPAIRS.

Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1895,	$99 08	
Appropriation,	200 00	$299 08

EXPENDITURES.

H. D. Hoag,	61 82		
H. F. Shaw, stove and repairs,	25 67		
" " pump, (Washington)	10 00		
Geo. W. Canterbury, (Franklin)	11 50		
W. M. Goodell, (Union)	3 11		
Wm. Bell, (Center and Mill Valley)	15 70		
E. Luther & Co., furnishings, (High)	10 50		
A. S. Geer, paid sundry repairs,	8 00		
G. H. B. Greene, " "	22 14		
M. A. Morse, " "	3 15		
Unexpended balance,	127 49	$299	08

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Unexpended balance,	$159 46		
Appropriation,	200 00		
Received for books sold,	28	$359	74

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Bartlett,	287 39		
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	28 44		
American Book Co.,	36 48		
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	38 56		
Geo. S. Perry,	20 41		
H. Rude,	11 75		
Ginn & Co.,	19 13		
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	12 24		
E. S. Bridgman & Co.,	31 01		
A. S. Geer,	1 35		
Wm. Ware & Co.,	28 95		
C. H. Snow,	1 10		
A. S. Geer, paid express and cartage,	7 63		
G. H. B. Greene, paid express and cartage,	8 82		
Wm. H. Bridgman, rent of well,	5 00		
Committee paid for diplomas, programs, etc.,	23 15		
" " " cleaning rooms and vaults,	19 35	$580	76
Overdrawn,		221	02
M. A. Morse, horse hire and telephone,	3 35		
G. H. B. Greene's expenses to Boston,	5 77	9	12
Total charged town account,		$761	47

SALARY OF COMMITTEE.

A. S. Geer,	$48 00	
Geo. H. B. Greene,	100 00	
M. A. Morse,	100 00	$248 00

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance, Feb. 15, 1895,	$100 00
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1896,	100 00

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled,	495
" " between 5 and 15,	462
" " " 8 and 14,	292
" " under 5,	8
" " over 15,	50
Perfect in attendance one year,	12
" " two terms,	43
" " one term,	64
Average wages of High School teacher per month,	$84 73
" " male teachers in common school,	27 63
" " female " " " "	24 52

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools,	$5,000 00
" Books and supplies,	300 00
" Painting school houses,	200 00
" General repairs,	100 00

GEO. H. B. GREENE, } *School Committee*
M. A. MORSE, } *of Belchertown.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

Schools.	Whole number.	No. enrolled.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15	No. between 8 and 14	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership	Attendance.	Membership	Attendance.	Membership	Attendance.
High,	76	57	0	39	37	22	55	52	59	57	59	56
Center Grammar,	33	24	0	0	33	31	20	18	22	21	23	22
Center Primary,	54	54	1	0	53	27	44	42	35	33	35	31
Center South,	21	21	1	1	19	14	17	16	16	14	17	15
Mill Valley,	27	27	1	0	26	18	23	22	22	21	23	20
Cold Spring,	23	23	1	0	22	14	20	18	20	19	21	20
Franklin,	50	50	0	0	50	28	31	28	38	34	40	35
Liberty,	17	17	0	0	17	12	12	10	13	12	13	11
Washington,	26	26	1	0	25	17	19	18	19	15	17	13
Chestnut Hill,	22	22	0	1	21	11	19	18	18	17	16	15
Rock Rimmon,	16	16	0	2	14	10	13	13	12	11	13	11
Holyoke,	25	25	1	0	24	13	23	22	18	16	11	9
Federal,	27	27	0	3	24	14	23	21	20	18	20	17
Lake Vale,	14	14	0	0	14	10	13	13	14	13	13	12
Union,	28	28	0	3	25	15	15	15	19	18	20	17
West Hill,	18	18	0	0	18	9	13	12	9	7	8	6
Laurel,	19	19	2	0	17	9	13	11	12	10	14	13
East Hill,	14	14	0	0	14	9	11	10	11	10	10	8
Blue Meadow,	13	13	0	1	12	9	11	10	12	10	12	9
	523	495	8	50	465	292						

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOR THREE TERMS.

Vienna Bridgman,
Bertha Clark,
William LeGro,
Minnie Moriarty,
John Plunkett,
Fred Sanford,
May Carmody,
Lilla Lamson,
Maggie Moriarty,
Kate Moriarty,
Fred Rogers,
John Sullivan.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOR TWO TERMS.

Louise Austin,
Raymond Austin,
Maude Bridgman,
Stanley Bridgman,
Henry Capen,
Cory Cary,
Agnes Cummings,
Almon Damon,
Bruno Deitz,
Winzola Goodell,
Charles Horser,
Bertie LeGro,
Maggie McCabe,
Herbert Miller,
Peter Moransey,
Herbert Peeso,
Mason Sanford,
May Sullivan,
Morris Sullivan,
Michael Sullivan,
Fannie Thayer,
Fanny Thayer.
Harry Austin,
Frank Battlett,
Susie Bridgman,
Frank Capen,
Marcella Carmody,
Ada Chamberlain,
Rachel Curtis,
May Davis,
Bridget Fitzgerald,
Carrie Holland,
May Koach,
Katie Manning,
Nora McCabe,
George Moransey,
Bertha Peeso,
Wilber Rogers,
Thomas Shuttle,
Nellie Sullivan,
Jerry Sullivan,
Grace Thayer,
Dora Walker,

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOR ONE TERM.

Leon Aldrich,
Lulu Austin,
Edward Bartlett,
Frank Bardwell,
Amy Bruce,
Myron Capen,
Herbert Chapin,
George Corey,
Emma Clifford,
Flora Cooley,
Cyril Courtland,
Walter Damon,
Ruth Davis,
Lena Doherty,
Alva Farrington,
Grace Fisher,
Eddie Fuller,
Raymond Goodell,
George Goodwin,
Josie Griffin,
Lucy Geer,
Clinton Hamilton,
Luther Holland,
Irene Jackson,
Eddie Snow,
Ella Stebbins,
Eugene Sullivan,
Willie Sullivan,
Margaret Steverson,
Grace Whitehouse,
Leona Williams,
F. Earl Williams,

Katie Austin,
Mary Averill,
Lewis Blackmer,
Alice Blackmer,
Addie Capen,
Fred Capen,
Hattie Corey,
Anna Clark,
Florence Cooley,
Norah Conners,
Susie Craig,
Henry Damon,
Henry Dillon,
Willie Ellis,
Louise Filer,
Frank Fuller,
Mary Garvey,
Walter Goodell,
Theresa Granfield,
Edmond Grise,
Clifton Hamilton,
John Hannafin,
Marie Hopkins,
Iola Jepson,
Ethel Spencer,
Christopher Strong,
Abbie Sullivan,
Mabel Steverson,
Alfred White,
Ida Wiggin,
Leon Williams,
Samuel Wilson.

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Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Belchertown, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the first day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A town clerk, three selectmen, three assessors, a treasurer, an auditor, five constables, a tax collector, all for one year; one school committee and one commissioner of burial grounds for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. Vote "Yes" or "No." All on one ballot, in accordance with the the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town, November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: three fence viewers, eight measurers of wood, eight surveyors of lumber, six field drivers, two almoners of the Whiting Street Fund all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman fund for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools.

ART. 6. To raise money for the purchase of school books and other supplies. Also for transportation of scholars.

ART. 7. To see if the town will raise money for repairs and furnishing of school houses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray town and pauper expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to see if any part of said money be paid for permanent improvements.

ART. 10. To see it the town will authorize its tax collector to use all the means of collecting taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise the sum of fifty dollars to defray the expense of mowing and keeping in repair the several burying grounds in town.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to build concrete walks and raise money for the purpose, from the terminus of the concrete walk at the north end of the park, across the north end of the park to A. D. Randall's, thence south, on the east side of the street, to the northwest corner of J. R. Gould's building. Also across the south end of the park, to connect with walk across the street in front of D. L. Hazen's store. Also from corner of post-office building to lane leading to high-school building, thence to high-school building. Also from south end of park to entrance of public library grounds. On petition of D. P. Clapp and ten others.

ART. 13. To see if the town will locate and build a concrete walk commencing at the house of R. K. Shumway and running westerly to the house of Henry Aldrich, and raise and appropriate money for the same. The side of the street on which to locate to be left to the selectmen. On petition of F. L. Stebbins and twenty-six others.

ART. 14. To see if the town will purchase the ashes of the R. H. Long Shoe Manufacturing Company, and pay a price for the same equal to the taxes assessed on said company for the year 1896-7. On petition of J. M. Clough and ten others.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to the disposal of sewage at the north end of the common.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in regard to the claim of Charles L. Randall for damage to his carriage, alleged to have been received on the highway.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collector's deeds, now in possession of the town.

ART. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to paint the Town House and barn at alms-house.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to pay its portion of the cost of changing the grade at Leach's Crossing.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use and care of the Town House.

ART. 21. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell, care for the town clock, and drive the hearse for the year ensuing.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize the chairman of the selectmen and treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 23. Whereas, in the progress of events, and in accordance with our republican institutions and form of government, a presidential election was held November last, resulting in a Republican victory and a consequent change being anticipated in officials subject to appointment by the postmaster-general; and whereas we, the citizens and legal voters of the town of Belchertown, Massachusetts, in town meeting assembled on this first day of March, 1897, do tender Wm. E. Bridgman, our postmaster, a vote of thanks, as an expression of our sincere and hearty appreciation for the prompt, efficient, and courteous manner in which he has served as an official of the government;

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the aforesaid citizens and legal voters do respectfully and earnestly request your honor, the postmaster-general, to reappoint the said Wm. E. Bridgman for a term of four years to the office which he now holds, reappointment to take effect at the expiration of his present term.

Be it further resolved, that the town clerk of said Belchertown is hereby instructed to forward by registered mail, on or before the tenth of March, two attested copies of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, with resultant vote thereon: one to the Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C., and one to F. H. Gillett, M. C., Second Massachusetts Representative District, Springfield, Mass. On petition of twenty legal voters of said town.

ART. 24. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the selectmen.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to acquire the franchise and rights to construct a water-supply system in the town of Belchertown, secured by L. W. Dillon and others from the Commonwealth in 1896, and pay therefor the sum expended in securing same.

ART. 26. To hear the report of the selectmen on guideboards.

ART. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at the depot at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, ten days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not, and make due return with your doings thereon (of this warrant) to the town clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1897.

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
MYRON S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Assessors' Report.

With sorrow we chronicle the death of our chairman and colleague of the Board of Assessors, Mr. William Burnett, feeling that his family have lost an affectionate husband and father, and our county and town an efficient and popular officer. And upon the remaining members devolves the duty of making the annual Report, which we respectfully submit:

Valuation of real estate,	$726,815	
Valuation of personal estate,	122,375	
		$849,190
Tax on real estate,	$11,265 63	
Tax on personal estate,	1,896 81	
Tax on polls, 559,	1,118 00	
		$14,280 44
We have assessed a tax as follows:		
For support of schools,	$5,000 00	
Town and pauper expenses,	3,000 00	
Highways and bridges,	1,100 00	
Purchasing safe,	600 00	
Repairing and furnishing school houses,	600 00	
School books and supplies,	300 00	
Concrete walk in the center,	500 00	
" " near Bondville,	250 00	
Sewer, near Bondville,	500 00	
Memorial Day,	100 00	
Care of burial grounds,	50 00	
State tax,	630 00	
County tax,	1,425 18	
		$14,055 18
Overlayings,		225 26
		$14,280 44

Number of persons paying poll tax only,	180
" Acres assessed,	33,000
" Horses,	592
" Cows,	1,250
" Sheep,	93
" Swine,	227
" Neat cattle other than cows,	294
" Dwelling houses,	495
" Fowls,	3,128

GUY C. ALLEN, } *Assessors of*
ANSEL C. SHAW, } *Belchertown.*

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

1896.			
Feb. 17	Balance due on settlement,	$3,591	83
	6 collector's deeds,	88	90
21	Cash of Town Ludlow acct. of schools,	51	75
27	Nelson Randall Dunlavey Case,	5	00
March 4	" " Creamery Co	42	96
4	" " Support of Nellie Russell,	1	55
13	Wm. Burnett,	140	00
17	Wm. Burnett, 1894 tax,	15	28
23	Wm. Burnett,	135	00
April 1	E. A. Farrington,	46	00
7	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	62	30
11	Nelson Randall Posting Notices,	2	50
28	Mary R. Muzzey, support Nellie Russell,	40	25
30	Grise & Adams' liquor license,	1,700	00
May 1	C. H. Snow " "	1	00
1	P. J. Keyes & Co.,	1,700	00
4	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	87	75
5	Henry Jepson butcher license,	1	00
7	D. P. Clapp for concrete walk,	48	66
8	Wm. Burnett " "	29	72
8	" "	120	00
9	Nelson Randall concrete walk,	1	89
13	State Treasurer support of state pauper,	7	10
15	" " inspection of cattle etc.,	57	00
16	Guy C. Allen auct. license,	2	00
19	E. F. Towne, butcher license,	1	00
26	A. M. Baggs " "	1	00
30	William Snow, Note, March 2d,	100	00
June 1	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	71	64

July	2	J. E. Clark Fine of Joseph Johnson,	15 00
	4	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	70 14
	18	Wm. Burnett,	100 00
	21	Amherst Bank,	1,000 00
	22	H. R. Gould butcher license,	1 00
	29	Eldridge Foster "	5 00
Aug.	3	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	62 05
	4	Mary R. Muzzey, support Nellie Russell,	42 25
	18	Wm. Burnett, concrete walk,	7 49
	18	" "	50 00
	25	" "	300 00
	27	" "	150 00
	29	" "	245 00
Sept.	1	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	58 89
	2	Wm. Burnett,	240 00
	4	" "	185 00
	9	" "	165 00
	14	" "	200 00
	21	Amherst Bank,	1,000 00
	23	Wm. Burnett,	120 00
	26	State treasurer support state pauper,	37 15
	28	Wm. Burnett,	175 00
Oct.	1	" "	50 00
	5	" "	195 00
	5	Amherst Bank,	2,000 00
	7	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	50 03
	7	George Alexander butcher license,	1 00
	10	Wm. Burnett,	475 00
	14	" "	220 00
	16	" "	210 00
	17	" "	196 00
	20	" "	180 00
	20	" " concrete walk,	14 00
	20	" " " " 1896,	70 00
	21	" "	150 00
	22	" "	300 00
	26	" "	340 00
	26	H. H. Chilson fines Dist. Court,	41 00

	27	Wm. Burnett,		285 00
	29	" "		215 00
	30	" "		375 00
	31	" "		525 00
Nov.	3	" "		625 00
	3	" "		825 00
	4	Mary R. Muzzey, support Nellie Russell,		42 25
	5	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,		49 26
	7	Guy C. Allen Guardian S. L. Howard,		79 17
	7	Wm. Burnett,		110 00
	7	" "	1895 tax,	50 00
	7	" "	concrete walk,	28 02
	13	" "		200 00
	16	" "		185 00
	17	" "		110 00
	19	" "		185 00
	25	" "		315 00
	28	" "		215 00
Dec.	1	" "		340 00
	2	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,		50 65
	4	Wm. Burnett, concrete walk,		20 00
	4	" "		245 00
	8	" "		268 00
	8	" "	1895 tax,	40 95
	8	" "	1894 "	9 18
	12	" "		479 00
	12	Corporation tax,		138 36
	12	National Bank tax,		473 86
	12	Military aid,		50 50
	12	State aid,		1,006 00
	12	Burial of indigent soldiers,		70 00
	16	Wm. Burnett, concrete walk,		7 50
	16	" "		277 00
	17	" "		327 89
	17	" "	1894 tax,	6 31
	17	" "	1895 "	10 81
	19	" "		258 30
	24	Wm. Snow to apply on Note,		30 75

	29	Wm. Burnett,	216 41
	29	" " 1895 tax,	20 00
	31	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	39 27
	1897.		
Jan.	2	Guy C. Allen,	124 00
	2	" "	40 00
	4	Creamery Co., repairing driveway,	4 50
	4	Guy C. Allen,	28 25
	5	Town of Ludlow,	6 90
	9	Order of abatement of J. A. Hill tax,	3 08
	9	Guy C. Allen,	219 00
	12	County treasurer dog fund,	297 98
	13	Guy C. Allen,	95 00
	16	" "	136 50
	19	State treasurer transportation state pauper,	2 55
	20	Guy C. Allen,	97 00
	23	" "	84 75
	23	" " concrete walk,	31 75
	27	State treasurer income school fund,	416 77
Feb.	1	Nelson Randall Creamery Co.,	49 17
	3	Town of Ware,	1 43
	5	Mary R. Muzzey support Nellie Russell,	42 25
	6	Town of Palmer,	1 52
	6	Guy C. Allen,	168 25
	6	" " concrete walk,	18 50
	9	" "	200 50
	9	Nelson Randall support Mrs. H. Howard at almshouse,	30 00
	9	E. A. Farrington,	16 80
	9	" " driving hearse,	84 00
	13	Nelson Randall support Brigham Day at almshouse,	31 00
	13	Guy C. Allen,	200 00
			$28,109 97

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1896.			
Feb. 17	Six collector's deeds,	$ 88	90
March 31	By cash paid Wm. Burnett, services Dist. Court, Peterson case,	7	77
31	Wm. Burnett, services Lowell case,	2	61
31	" " " Blackmer "	2	66
31	" " " Graham "	24	40
31	" " " Mansfield "	12	45
31	" " " Cook "	9	47
31	" " " Orlando "	9	68
31	" " " Haynes "	21	32
31	" " " Ward "	8	24
31	" " " Pratt "	9	43
May 11	State treasurer, acct. liquor license,	850	25
30	Wm. Snow's note, March 2d,	100	00
June 8	By cash paid James Anderson, services Dist. Court Bidwill case,	14	62
July 21	Discount on note at Amherst bank,	8	75
Aug. 6	C. E. Shumway, services Dist. Court, Dunleavey case,	11	31
20	F. R. Wright, services Dist. Court, Johnson case,	7	74
29	Wm. Burnett, services Dist. Court, Morse case,	6	00
Sept. 21	Note at Amherst bank,	1,000	00
21	Discount on note, Amherst bank,	4	58
Oct. 5	" " " "	31	00
5	County tax,	1,425	18
21	Note at Amherst bank,	1,000	00
26	D. H. Tillson, services Dist. Court, Munsell case,	14	75
26	C. E. Shumway, services Dist. Court, O'Brien case,	9	00
Dec. 7	Wm. Burnett, services Dist. Court, Sullivan case,	9	42
7	Wm. Burnett, services Dist. Court, Hathaway case,	12	33

	7	Wm. Burnett, services Dist. Court, Lambard case,	13 27
	7	Wm. Burnett, services Dist. Court, Lambard case,	4 15
	7	Wm. Burnett, services Dist. Court, Foster case,	13 81
	12	State tax,	630 00
	1887.		
Jan.	4	Note at Amherst bank,	2,000 00
Feb.	13	Insurance on high school house,	62 50
	15	796 town orders del. selectmen,	18,885 25
		Services as treasurer,	60 00
		Cash on hand,	1,739 13
			$28,109 97

ARTHUR BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Warden's Report.

Cash Received.

From Brigham Day for board,	$61	00
Labor on sidewalk,	2	15
Lurell, potatoes,	4	92
Mr. Bondville, Holyoke, pork,	39	15
E. Munsell, use of bull,	1	00
Nelson Cook, " "	1	00
B. L. Thrasher, milk,		25
Oliver Hyde, veal,	4	00
John Peeso, straw,	4	10
Mr. Dwight, straw,	1	00
Mr. Bondville, pork,	14	36
Ed. Blackmer, pigs,	3	50
Emery Squire, one pig,	2	00
Hardwick Town Farm, one cow,	46	00
Dwight Nutting, one veal,	9	50
W. H. Hawks, use of bull,	1	00
Mr. Butler, one pig,	2	00
E. C. Witt, eggs,	9	91
Samuel Ward, pork,	9	45
Samuel Ward, for labor,	3	00
Emery Squire, for labor,	2	30
Cash left over from last year,	2	00
T. W. Chapman, one pig,	2	00
Steele Co., pork,	17	67
Wm. Clough, rye,	2	40
Alvan Cutting, pasturing,	2	05
Moving a family from Ware to Holyoke,	8	00
Labor on highway,	3	50
Driving hearse,	84	00
Nelson Randall, beef,	5	30
		$348 51

Due from the late Wilson Hamilton estate,		$6 60	
George Kelley,		1 60	
Edwin Smith,		2 25	
Robert Hamilton,		5 00	
			$14 45
Average number of inmates at almshouse,	7 3-6		
Number of tramps lodged and fed,	376		

Cash Paid Out.

Paid B. L. Thrasher, repairing,	$ 1 00
Oliver Shannon, filing saws,	1 95
Nellie Burt, labor,	2 50
David Shumway, repairing,	85
Wm. Carter, repairing,	1 90
J. W. Jackson, crackers,	2 55
Winnie Squire, labor,	37 00
F. E. Burnett, oysters,	35
Prouty, repairing,	1 50
Charlie Snow, maple sugar,	1 00
Mr. Ross, sawing,	35
Oliver Shannon, filing saw,	20
Horse feed and dinner,	1 00
Use of telephone,	25
F. E. Burnett, fish,	88
F. E. Burnett, fish,	50
Winnie Squire, labor,	30 00
Prouty, repairing,	1 25
B. L. Thrasher, repairing,	30
Horse feed and dinner,	75
Ed. Bates, brooms,	1 25
F. L. Stebbins, repairs,	3 05
Winnie Squire, labor,	32 50
Arthur Howard, butter,	5 00
Shoeing horse,	25
Fletcher, repairing,	65
E. C. Witt, beef,	1 70
Ed. Blackmer, hay tedder,	5 00
Frank Wilson, bbls. and berries,	2 20
Emery Squire, labor,	2 30

B. Prouty, repairing,	1 60	
Wm. Carter, repairing,	3 60	
Henry Jepson, butchering,	1 62	
B. L. Thrasher, repairing,	1 80	
Clothing for inmates,	6 50	
For getting ice,	14 37	
Wm. Carter, repairing,	2 00	
Chopping wood,	5 00	
Mr. Moore, tea and coffee,	50	
Mrs. Arthur Warner, tea and coffee,	80	
George Harvey, papering,	1 00	
One stove back,	1 29	
E. C. Witt, one kettle,	95	
F. L. Stebbins, sawing,	1 00	
Katie Howard, sewing,	2 83	
Clothing for children,	16 87	
To Treasurer,	46 00	
" "	84 00	
" "	11 50	
" "	5 30	
		$348 51

EDSON FARRINGTON, *Warden.*

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

EXPENSES OF PAUPERS IN ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Dorman & Sanford, grain and feed,	$118 25
E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100 00
Peter Pole, labor on town farm,	43 00
" " " " "	15 00
E. C. Witt, one hog,	25 00
Eugene Randall, swivel plow,	13 00
M. G. Ward, bull,	15 00
H. R. Gould, supplies,	7 19
C. E. Scott, "	13 73
W. L. Sanford, "	34 04
H. R. Gould, "	10 71
Polander, labor,	20 00
H. D. Hoag, fertilizer,	4 75
E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100 00
D. L. Hazen, supplies,	12 49
Dorman & Sanford, grain,	107 15
H. R. Gould, Supplies,	23 84
C. L. Holland, "	9 48
H. R. Gould, "	20 76
E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100 00
W. L. Sanford, supplies,	20 01
Dorman & Sanford, grain,	49 97
Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies,	29 95
C. L. Holland, "	4 38
E. S. Bridgman & Co., "	50 36
C. L. Holland, "	2 93
C. E. Scott, "	7 85
Polander, labor,	58 00
C. L. Holland, supplies,	1 97
E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100 00
Winnie Squire, services at almshouse,	24 00

C. L. Holland, supplies,	1	23
D. L. Hazen, "	4	65
J. W. Jackson, "	3	02
W. L. Sanford, "	16	90
Dorman & Sanford, grain and feed,	71	92
C. B. King, medical attendance,	6	00
E. A. Farrington, meal from E. C. Witt,	13	23
G. F. Thomson, medical attendance,	15	00
H. R. Gould, supplies,	24	11
E. S. Snow, sawing lumber,	3	83
A. B. Howard, butter furnished almshouse,	38	47
H. R. Gould, supplies at almshouse,	17	71
C. L. Holland, " "		36
H. F. Curtis, horse shoeing,	12	70
H. A. Hopkins, supplies at almshouse,	37	04
M. G. Ward, " "	11	25
E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies at almshouse,	25	84
W. L. Sanford, " "	10	00
C. H. Snow, " "	4	75
D. L. Hazen, " "	4	35
C. L. Holland, " "	7	42
		$1472 59

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Cream sold,	$686	11
Received from estate of Brigham Day,	31	00
Paid into treasury by warden,	141	50
Beef furnished La Chapelle,	5	30
Actual cost of paupers at almhouse,		$609 68

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
MYRON S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

EXPENSE OF PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid E. R. Blackmer, cord of wood, Stephen White,	$ 3	50
C. E. Wheeler, sawing and splitting wood, for S. White,	1	50
Town of Hampden, board of Mellen children,	6	50
E. R. Blackmer, cord of wood, Stephen White,	4	50
T. W. Dane, sawing and splitting wood,	1	25
L. Coleman, care of James Fuller,	10	00
E. G. Stanbridge, hotel bill for James Fuller,	15	00
R. G. Marean, M. D., medical attendance, J. Fuller,	15	60
G. F. Thomson, medical attendance Jas. Keely,	27	50
E. B. Nims, Northampton Insane Hospital,	110	50
M. Bowler, care and board of James Keely,	27	41
J. J. Shehan, care of James Keely,	21	00
W. H. Hawks, house rent for Stephen White,	10	00
C. B. King, medical attendance Stephen White,	25	00
N. Randall, fare to Worcester and Springfield, telegram and stamps,	10	83
G. F. Thomson medical attendance, F. Clark,	28	00
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support of herself and children,	12	50
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support of herself and children,	12	50
Treasurer of city of Worcester, food and fuel for Mary Welch,	7	96
Alvah Walker, sawing wood for Stephen White,		75
E. B. Nims, Northampton Hospital,	135	11
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support,	12	50
Mrs. H. D. Towne, board of Mellen children,	15	00
" " " " "	14	00
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support,	12	50
Shaw Brothers, supplies furnished A. F. Shearer,	3	00
Arthur Mellen, witness in case of Mellen children,	2	00
Treasurer of city of Worcester, board and care of Mary Welch,	20	00
Mrs. H. D. Towne, board of Mellen children,	6	00
Town of Ware, support of Mrs. M. Heffernan,	62	01

City of Springfield, support of H. B. Moulton,	66	00
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support, 2 months,	25	00
W. H. Squire, board and clothes for Henry Capen,	12	45
Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies for Dexter Lombard	6	15
H. B. Moulton, partial supplies of,	10	00
E. B. Nims support of insane,	145	31
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support of herself and three children,	12	50
L. A. Smith, casket and box for Lena Legrande,	7	00
C. L. Holland, supplies for La Chapelle family,	2	05
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support of,	12	50
W. H. Squires, shoes and rubbers, H. Capen,	1	75
C. L. Holland, supplies for La Chapelles,	4	98
Mrs. William Taylor, nursing Emma Mahoney,	20	00
W. H. Squire, board and boots for Henry Capen,	14	85
C. L. Holland, supplies, La Chapelle family,	4	75
D. L. Hazen, " " "	5	46
J. W. Jackson, " " "	1	53
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support,	12	50
A. C. Smith, supplies for Emma Mahoney,	1	25
N. Randall, car fare of pauper to Tewksbury,	2	38
A. H. Smith, M. D., medical attendance, Mrs. Mahoney,	6	00
G. F. Thomson, medical attendance Mr. and Mrs. La Chapelle,	58	75
E. B. Nims, support of insane,	128	13
G. Alexander, care and expenses of Mrs. Mahoney,	61	00
C. B. King, attendance on La Grande child and Mellen children,	4	00
W. H. Squire, board of Henry A. Capen five weeks,	5	50
Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support of,	12	50
E. A. Farrington, moving Mrs. Heffernan to Holyoke,	8	00
E. A. Farrington, beef furnished La Chapelle family,	5	30
C. L. Holland, supplies for La Chapelle family,	4	99

Town of Ware, supplies for Mrs. Heffernan,	2 00	
Belchertown Creamery Co., supplies, La Chapelle family,	2 10	
E. S. Bridgman, supplies, La Chapelle family,	8 42	
" supplies Ballou family,	50	
G. F. Thomson, medical attendance, La Chapelles,	12 00	
D. L. Hazen, supplies for La Chapelles,	3 16	
		$1323 68

CREDIT.

Due from Town of Warren,	$ 75 91	
Town of Amherst,	48 00	
City of Holyoke,	10 00	
State,	133 07	
		266 98
Cost of paupers outside of almshouse,		$1056 70
Less amount received for support of Nellie Russell,		168 55
		$888 15

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
MYRON S. BARTON,
Overseers of Poor.

Expense for Town Safe.

Appropriation for safe,		$500 00
Paid Cary Safe Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for safe delivered at our depot, less expense for revarnishing, which was $6.00,	$344 00	
Paid C. E. Davis, revarnishing safe,	6 00	
Nelson Randall, for putting in the foundation to set the safe on, and moving safe from the depot to the selectmen's room, and necessary repairs in connection with the same.	46 86	
		$ 396 86
Balance left,		$103 14

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
MYRON S. BARTON,
} *Selectmen of Belchertown.*

Report of Street Superintendent.

M. S. BARTON'S REPORT.

Cash paid George Akers,	$ 196	73
H. M. Lamson,	39	50
A. M. Baggs,	12	80
A. D. Moore,	8	00
C. H. Randall,	24	30
H. McKillop,	27	20
Jason Hurlburt,	49	90
H. M. Jepson,	20	73
F. L. Stebbins,	1	00
D. F. Shumway,	221	37
Elmer Kendall,	1	50
W. H. Bridgman,		60
George Chapin,	1	05
Charles Hunter,		65
C. P. Baggs,	3	00
W. H. Hawks,	1	30
W. L. Harvey,	2	25
George Hubbard,	4	20
J. Archimbault,	24	50
C. H. Ross,	4	81
J. H. Bardwell,	4	50
T. D. Potter, for tile,	40	80
		$690 69

M. S. BARTON, *Ass't Supt. of Streets.*

NELSON RANDALL'S REPORT.

Cash paid Almon Pratt,	41	38
H. S. Pratt,	86	51
D. P. Spencer,	151	15
Samuel Allen,	11	58

George Knights,	121 53	
E. A. Randall,	65 80	
George Warner,	7 50	
C. L. Randall,	5 40	
F. S. Wilson,	89 74	
M. G. Ward,	47 37	
George H. Guest,	4 80	
Sanford & Stebbins,	7 61	
E. A. Farrington,	5 80	
Nelson Randall, labor and services as Assistant Road Agent,	12 40	
		$658 57

About $90.88 of this was for bridges and culverts. Less $4.50 from Creamery Co., paid the treasurer. About $10 of this is for breaking snow.

NELSON RANDALL, *Ass't Street Agent.*

A. C. SMITH'S REPORT.

Cash paid M. F. Austin,	$76 60	
Michael Cavin,	70 30	
D. Kennedy,	120 00	
P. J. Austin,	67 10	
M. Moriarty,	77 35	
J. M. Clough,	30 00	
L. D. Foskett,	2 10	
M. A. Wittemore,	50	
E. S. Snow, dynamite,	5 63	
A. C. Smith, blasting rocks,	3 60	
J. Hanifin, iron and bolts for scraper,	25	
		$453 43
Credit, Dynamite not used,	2 20	
Old rails sold George Butler,	25	
		$ 2 45
		$450 98

	A. C. Smith, services as Supt. of street,	5 00	
	M. Moriarty, snow bill,	3 00	
	M. F. & P. J. Austin, snow bill,	8 20	
	D. Kennedy, snow bill,	3 00	
			$ 19 20

EXPENSE OF CULVERTS, BRIDGES AND RAILINGS.

Cash paid	M. F. Austin,	82 98	
	Michael Cavin,	67 57	
	D. Kennedy,	15 50	
	P. J. Austin,	30 75	
	M. Moriarty,	11 25	
	Thomas O'Connors,	54 00	
	M. J. Drummond, iron pipe for culvert,	17 72	
	T. D. Potter & Co., plank,	31 68	
	M. F. & P. J. Austin, permanent improvement,	66 03	
			$377 48
			$847 66

EXPENSES LEFT OVER FROM LAST YEAR.

Cash paid	D. F. Shumway, bill of last year,	45 90	
	W. F. Carter, repairs on scraper,	9 00	
	Geo. Tyler & Co., " "	19 00	
	A. C. Tyler, " "	2 00	
	S. H. Bruce, " "	75	
	J. W. Thomson, housing scraper,	1 50	
	A. H. Eldredge, damage on highway,	15 00	
			$93 15

A. C. Smith, *Street Superintendent.*

BRIDGE AT BONDVILLE.

Cash paid	R. F. Hawkins, building bridge,	$1238 56	
	Thomas O'Connor, laying stone and building fence,	40 00	
	Town of Palmer, one-half expense of plans and building abutments,	163 05	
	P. J. Austin, grading,	31 51	
	Whiting & Ramsden, grading,	4 38	
			$1,477 50

SEWER ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for Sewer,		$500 00
Cash paid Wm. Orlando, on contract,	500 00	
M. J. Drummond, iron pipe,	64 45	
P. J. Austin, hauling iron pipe,	3 00	
G. W. Canterbury, plans and specifications for sewer,	25 00	
A. C. Smith, services,	12 50	
		$604 95

EXPENSE OF SIDEWALK AT THE CENTER.

Appropriation,		$500 00
Paid Leonard C. Hill for laying 1619$\frac{1}{10}$ yards concrete walk,	$647 64	
F. G. Shaw, team grading,	17 50	
James Peeso, " "	24 50	
H. M. Dunbar, team grading, and material for filling,	32 27	
Dwight Shumway, team grading,	1 50	
E. Munsell, " "	1 40	
E. A. Farrington, " "	2 15	
D. P. Spencer for work,	6 25	
John T. Pratt, " "	10 60	
Nelson Randall, " "	8 75	
J. J. Garvey, " "	75	
Kate Foley, sand,	64	
Total expense,		$753 95
Of this amount the abuttors pay,		242 09
		$511 86
The amount expended above the appropriation,		11 86

NELSON RANDALL.

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT AT SOUTH BELCHERTOWN.

Paid Appropriation,		$250 00
C. E. Hill, for laying concrete,	$208 80	
Daniel Kennedy, grading and plank,	24 62	
Thomas O'Connor, paving gutter,	9 50	
A. C. Smith, services,	9 00	
T. D. Potter & Co., tile,	68	
		$252 60
Due from abuttors,		84 60
		$168 00

NELSON RANDALL, A. C. SMITH, MYRON S. BARTON, *Selectmen of Belchertown.*

Report of Janitor.

RECEIPTS.

Rent of hall from Daytons,	$4 00	
New York Co.,	2 00	
		$6 00

EXPENDITURES.

One-half cord of wood,	$2 50	
E. S. Bridgman & Co. supplies,	2 75	
Four gallons oil,	50	
Matches,	05	
Two gallons oil,	24	
		$6 04
Janitor's bill for care of hall, March and November meetings and four caucuses,		$3 00

Hall used free of expense 12 times.

WM. A. SNOW, *Janitor.*

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the Year ending December 31, 1896.

VITAL STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January, 3	April, 2	July, 3	October 3
February, 3	May, 4	August, 1	November, 4
March, 3	June, 5	September, 4	December, 6

Males, 16 Females, 25 Total, 41.

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions recorded,	25
Number of marriages recorded,	26
First marriage,	Males, 22; Females, 25
Second marriage,	Males, 4; Females, 1
Youngest male married,	21; Female, 14
Oldest male married,	60; Female, 57

DEATHS.

January, 3	April, 3	July, 4	October, 5
February, 1	May, 3	August, 5	November, 2
March, 6	June, 1	September, 5	December, 4

Less than one year old,	4	40 to 50 years old,	0
1 to 10 years old,	0	50 to 60 "	6
10 to 20 "	2	60 to 70 "	5
20 to 30 "	6	70 to 80 "	7
30 to 40 "	5	80 to 90 "	9

Males, 23 Females, 19 Total, 42

Native born, 36 Foreign born, 6

Diseases, or cause of death:

Typhoid fever, 3	Cancer, 2
Heart disease, 5	Lung disease, 10
Accidental, 3	Disease incidental to old age, 6
Other causes, 13	

Number of town meetings during the year,		3
Mortgages recorded during the year 1896,		10
Attachments recorded,		1
Notice of foreclosure,		1
Bills of sale,		5
Dogs licensed :		
Whole number, 181.		
Males, 174, at $2 each,	$348 00	
Females, 7, at $5 each,	35 00	
		$383 00

Paid the above amount (less fees) to county treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Scott, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Burial Ground Commissioners.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

Unexpended balance from last year,	$5 73	
Appropriation for 1896,	50 00	
		$55 73
Paid for mowing all cemeteries,	$20 50	
Services of commissioners,	4 50	
Total expense,		$25 00
Balance unexpended,		$30 73

Wm. H. Bridgman, *Chairman.*

Selectmen's Report.

TOWN ACCOUNT.

Paid W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	$ 3 75
W. E. Bridgman, services as auditor, administering oaths etc.,	8 00
W. G. Bassett, consultation,	2 00
G. H. B. Green, services as School Committee,	20 00
A. C. Smith, services as overseer of the poor,	9 00
Nelson Randall, " " " "	16 40
" " car fare, postage, etc.,	4 75
Guy C. Allen, services as meat and cattle Inspector,	6 50
Guy C. Allen, services as registrar,	6 00
Roswell Allen, services as election officer,	2 00
D. F. Shumway, " " "	4 00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75
Thomas Sullivan, burying cow by order of Guy C. Allen,	2 00
Carpenter & Morehouse, printing reports and ballots,	51 75
R. K. Shumway, services as election officer,	2 00
T. J. S. Parsons, " " "	2 00
Mrs. H. D. Hoag, President Young Ladies' Guild,	100 00
E. A. Randall, services as election officer,	2 00
F. B. Purdy, " " "	2 00
F. D. Walker, " " "	2 00
F. F. Dewey, " " "	2 00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75
Nelson Randall, travelling expenses various places,	6 61
F. W. Fellows, money for Memorial Day,	100 00
Rockwell & Churchill, blank license papers,	1 00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75

N. Randall, services and expenses in McGilp case	23	03
A. C. Smith, services and expenses in McGilp case,	27	51
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
N. Randall, paid witnesses in McGilp case,	105	10
W. H. Pomeroy, M. D., witness in McGilp case,	50	00
W. F. White, ringing bell, care and repair of clock,	6	25
W. F. Carter, clock spring,	1	00
A. C. Smith, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	35	00
T. J. S. Parsons, services as ballot clerk,	2	00
R. K. Shumway, " " "	2	00
Fred D. Walker, services as election officer,	3	00
Wm. Burnett, abatement of two taxes,	6	18
F. B. Purdy, services as election officer,	3	00
David Ward, services as special police,	3	00
M. S. Barton, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	35	00
F. S. Wilson, services as special police,	10	00
Wm. G. Bassett, legal services in McGilp case,	90	00
John Anderson, services as school committee,	75	00
M. A. Morse, " " "	70	00
F. F. Dewey, services as election officer,	3	00
A. C. Shaw, services as assessor,	40	00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
E. C. Howard, bicycle notices and reward cards,	1	75
A. H. Smith, M. D., returning births,	2	00
H. F. Shaw, services as gate keeper at election,	2	00
W. Holbrook, M. D., services in McGilp case,	50	00
G. F. Thomson, M. D., returning births,	5	50
A. C. Smith, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	35	00
Wm. S. Fisher, care of six cemetery lots,	8	00
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3	75
F. D. Walker, clearing sidewalk,	2	00
E. A. Farrington, driving hearse,	76	00
D. P. Clapp, treasurer of Memorial Library, dog fund,	297	98

A. E. Addis, services in case of A. Henry Eldridge,	7 00
Roswell Allen, services as election officer.	2 00
L. A. Smith, returning deaths,	9 25
W. H. Bliss, returning five births,	1 25
N. Randall, balance due of expense of setting town safe,	85
M. G. Ward, services as election officer,	4 00
Eliza Burnett, services of Wm. Burnett as constable,	37 80
A. B. Shaw, services as Registrar,	11 00
Wm. H. Bridgman, services as burial ground committee,	4 50
L. W. Dillon, order of surveyers State highway,	65 60
J. W. Flint, " " " "	34 40
N. Randall, expenses of foundation and setting safe,	44 51
John Kelley, cleaning the Calvin Bridgman monument,	8 00
Springfield Union, advertising sewer contract,	4 59
M. S. Barton, car fare and expenses of three persons to Boston,	11 28
W. F. White, repairing bell and care of clock,	3 75
F. B. Purdy, repairing town clock,	3 85
Cary Safe Co., safe for town house,	344 00
Samuel McCoy, mowing West Hill cemetery,	1 50
G. Chandler, mowing Lake Vale cemetery,	5 00
M. S. Longley, services as school committee,	35 50
Henry Jepson, labor in moving safe,	1 50
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75
Wm. Burnett, services as assessor 1896,	75 00
Guy C. Allen, " " "	70 00
Robinson & Robinson, services in McGilp case,	25 00
C. A. Bardwell, mowing Holyoke cemetery	2 50
J. Gana, mowing Union cemetery,	2 50
M. Whittemore, mowing South Center cemetery,	6 00
Eugene Fenton, mowing South West cemetery,	3 00
J. R. Gould, services as special police,	8 00
M. F. Austin, " " "	2 00
N. Randall, car fare, telegraphing, express, etc.,	8 98

N. Randall, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	111 55	
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75	
John Stadler, services as special police,	4 00	
Guy C. Allen, cattle and meat inspector,	45 75	
F. L. Plantiff, services as special police,	4 00	
A. E. Pease, " " "	3 00	
A. L. Pratt, " " "	3 00	
D. P. Spencer, " " "	4 00	
W. F. White, ringing bell and care of clock,	3 75	
A. C. Shaw, services as assessor and registrar,	35 00	
Oliver Shannon, " " "	9 00	
M. A. Morse, services as school committee,	25 00	
J. Anderson, " " "	20 00	
M. D. Longley, " " "	39 50	
C. E. Scott, services as town clerk, registrar, etc.,	99 05	
Arthur Bridgman, car fare, postage, etc.,	11 05	
E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies for janitor town hall,	3 28	
H. D. Hoag, wood for town house,	2 75	
M. S. Barton, car fare various places,	3 02	
M. S. Barton, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	34 00	
A. C. Smith, services as selectman and overseer of poor, car fare and election officer,	20 17	
N. Randall, services as selectman, overseer of poor, car fare and postage,	61 65	
C. E. Davis, varnishing safe,	6 00	
		$2,848 19
Disbursement of state aid,	1,104 00	
Disbursement of military aid,	354 00	
		$1,458 00
Due from state for state and military aid,	1,281 00	
Paid on bills approved by school committee,	1,007 75	
" on school account,	5,322 22	
		$6,329 97
" for roads and bridges, sewers and sidewalks,	5,379 07	

REAL ESTATE OF THE TOWN.

Town farm and buildings,	5,000 00	
Wood lots,	500 00	
Abbey pasture, 104 acres,	500 00	
		$6,000 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Household furniture and provisions at almshouse,	996 48	
Wood on hand, 40 cords at $4.50 per cord,	180 00	
		$1,176 48
Hay, 30 tons at $13 per ton,	390 00	
Twelve hundred of corn fodder,	4 00	
One ton meadow hay,	6 00	
One-half ton rye straw,	8 00	
		$ 408 00
Farm tools, wagons, sleds, etc.,	672 75	672 75
One hundred and fifteen bushels of corn,	40 00	
Nine hundred of corn meal,	6 30	
Eleven bushels rye,	4 50	
Twelve hundred of bran,	8 00	
One bushel of barley,	1 00	
		$ 59 80
Two Horses,	400 00	
Six cows, fifty dollars each,	300 00	
Six cows, thirty-five dollars each,	210 00	
Five heifers, two years old,	140 00	
One bull,	20 00	
One calf,	12 00	
Sow and six pigs,	20 00	
Four Shoats,	20 00	
Thirty-eight fowls,	24 00	
		$1,146 00
About one hundred tons of ice,	60 00	
		$9,523 03

REPORT OF THE RESOURCES OF TOWN.

FROM OTHER TOWNS AND THE STATE.

Town of Warren, James Keely, sick at Bolers,	$75 91	
Amherst, Franklin Clark,	48 00	
City of Holyoke, burial LeGrand child,	10 00	
		$133 91

Due from the state for support of Stephen White,	$45 50		
Carfare and support of Charles Sprage,	7 38		
Burial expenses of George A. Goodwin,	35 00		
Medical attendance, Thomas La Chapelle,	35 37		
Supplies furnished,	9 82		
		$ 133	07
Due for state and military aid,		1,281	00
Due from state for cattle inspection,		26	13
		$1,574	11
Balance in hands of treasurer,	$1,739 13		
Due from collectors, about	2,600 00		
		$4,339	13
		$5,913	24
		$5,913	24
A note held by the treasurer on Wm. Snow,		75	00
		$5,988	24
We issued during the year 795 town orders amounting to		$18,847	00
Two outstanding orders of last year paid by treasurer,		40	25
		$18,887	25
One outstanding order of this year,		2	00
Amount paid by the treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, '97,		$18,885	25

In this one annual report, it will be observed that in most accounts the expenses have exceeded appropriations.

In the highway department this is mainly due to the cost of the Bondville bridge over the estimates.

In the pauper departments, both inside and outside the almshouse, expenses have increased in spite of our best efforts to keep within the appropriation. That the most of this increase is due to the continual depression in business is readily apparent, and may be expected to continue until more favorable conditions in the business world prevail.

The same orderly system noticed in previous years still prevails at the almshouse; also a gradual increase in the productiveness of the farm continues.

We congratulate our citizens that they are able to command the services of the present Warden and his excellent wife.

For Collector's report see Treasurer's report.

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
MYRON S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Auditor's Report.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Belchertown, and that I find them correctly cast and properly vouched for, and that I have this day found in the Town Treasury, cash, checks, and bank deposits amounting to $1,739.13.

WM. E. BRIDGMAN, Auditor.

Belchertown, Mass., Feb. 16, 1897.

Jury List.

5/25 William F. Carter,	Michael F. Austin,
Irving Mills,	Frank E. Bridgman,
E. S. Lane,	Joseph R. Gould,
Henry A. Paine,	John F. Mansfield,
Charles S. Knight,	Edward R. Peeso,
Edward A. Randall,	J. M. Clough,
Henry M. Dunbar,	George Warner, 2nd,
W. H. V. Belding,	Charles B. Southick,
Myron A. Dickinson,	Myron S. Barton,
Merrill E. Williams,	5/15 Franklin W. Fellows,
William Landers,	Herbert F. Curtis,
5/25 Daniel P. Spencer,	George I. Davis,
Alvertus W. Morse,	9/15 Amos L. White,
5/25 Rufus K. Shumway, "	George W. Canterbury,
5/15 Roswell Allen, "	John W. Jackson,
Michael P. Bowler,	~~John Anderson.~~

Report of School Committee.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1896,	$1,327 68	
Due, tuition from Ludlow,	40 75	
Appropriation,	5,000 00	
Received state school fund,	416 77	
" Calvin Bridgman, H. S. fund, 1896,	257 70	
		$7,042 90

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages from treasury,	$4,895 63	
" " " Calvin Bridgman fund,	257 70	
Fuel,	302 34	
Janitors,	124 25	
Unexpended balance,	1,462 98	
		$7,042 90

School Account.

WAGES OF TEACHERS IN DETAIL.

High School,	C. A. Guild,	12	weeks at	$20	$83\frac{1}{3}$	$250	00
"	"	24	" "	22	$22\frac{2}{9}$	533	33
"	Annie Whelan,	36	" "	10	00	360	00
Centre Grammar,	Ida L. Shaw,	10	" "	8	00	80	00
"	"	22	" "	10	00	220	00
Centre Primary,	Louisa E. Allen,	32	" "	10	00	320	00
South Centre,	Luella P. Hawkes,	21	" "	7	00	147	00
"	Orison B. Lane,	11	" "	6	00	66	00
Mill Valley,	Nellie Landers,	32	" "	7	00	224	00
Cold Spring,	Lena Hutchinson,	$24\frac{1}{5}$	" "	5	00	121	00
"	Lizzie Bartlett,	$7\frac{3}{5}$	" "	5	00	38	00
Franklin Gram.,	Josie V. Sullivan,	32	" "	8	00	256	00
Franklin Primary,	Mabel E. Ryther,	32	" "	7	00	224	00
Liberty,	Susie M. Hubbard,	10	" "	6	00	60	00
"	Harriet S. Greene,	11	" "	5	00	55	00
"	Olive Goodwin,	3	" "	6	00	18	00
"	Luella P. Hawkes,	7	" "	6	00	42	00
Washington,	Alice Smith,	32	" "	5	50	176	00
Chestnut Hill,	H. C. Knight,	10	" "	8	00	80	00
"	Lula E. Barnes,	22	" "	8	00	176	00
Rock Rimmon,	Olive Goodwin,	21	" "	6	00	126	00
"	Bertha Davis,	11	" "	5	00	55	00
Holyoke,	Julia B. Smith,	32	" "	6	00	192	00
Federal,	L. C. Gulberlett,	32	" "	6	50	208	00
Lake Vale,	Edith I. Hobson,	10	" "	6	00	60	00
"	Edith Towne,	11	" "	6	00	66	00
"	"	11	" "	6	50	71	50
Union,	Arthur E. Pease,	10	" "	7	00	70	00
"	"	11	" "	7	50	82	50
"	"	11	" "	8	00	88	00
West Hill,	Orison B. Lane,	21	" "	5	00	105	00
"	Caroline L. Olin,	11	" "	5	00	55	00

East Hill,	Julia M. Cabot,	10	"	"	5 00	50 00
"	M. Blanche Fisher,	11	"	"	5 00	55 00
"	L. S. Clary,	11	"	"	5 00	55 00
Laurel,	Edith Towne,	10	"	"	6 00	60 00
"	Edith I. Hobson,	22	"	"	6 00	132 00
Blue Meadow,	Rose M. Olds,	32	"	"	6 00	192 00

Total cost of teaching,		$5,169 33
Not drawn,		16 00
		$5,153 33
Less paid from Calvin Bridgman fund,		257 70
Cost to the town,		$4,895 63

FUEL.

Paid A. W. Stacy,	$45 00	
F. S. Williams,	16 50	
E. R. Blackmer,	15 50	
Melvin Bardwell,	10 00	
George Fisher,	5 00	
Sandford & Stebbins,	4 50	
Patrick Moriarty,	15 00	
Joseph Patrowski,	10 00	
H. D. Hoag,	29 75	
Alonzo Randolph,	12 00	
M. W. Bardwell,	10 00	
L. A. Randolph,	1 00	
E. E. Meade,	12 00	
H. T. Filer,	2 75	
C. Dickinson,	8 75	
F. S. Wilson,	13 50	
Martin Austin,	15 00	
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan,	32 63	
Michael Griffin,	26 71	
F. A. Randolph,	13 50	
For sawing wood,	3 25	
		$ 302 34
Janitor's services,		124 25
Total changed to school account,		5,322 22

Calvin Bridgman fund,		257 70
Teacher's wages, fuel and janitor's services,		$5,579 92

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	$300 00	
Expended in excess of appropriation,	276 56	
		$576 56

EXPENDITURES.

American Book Co.,	$199 88	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	80 84	
A. H. Bartlett,	80 22	
Ginn & Co.,	17 61	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	13 10	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	16 94	
Sheldon & Co.,	15 63	
Scott & Foresman,	8 64	
Harper & Brothers,	10 00	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	9 60	
Milton Bradley Co.,	4 93	
G. D. Tillson,	8 00	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	2 08	
T. H. Caston,	2 70	
S. C. Griggs,	1 44	
R. H. Johnson,	3 65	
Ames & Rollinson, diplomas,	24 00	
C. B. Fisk, programmes,	15 00	
Jennie B. Hoag, ribbon,	4 29	
E. L. Bates, brooms,	5 00	
E. C. Howard, printing,	5 85	
David Shumway, duster,	50	
E. S. & A. Bridgman,	13 15	
H. A. Hopkins,	7 14	
Repairing Clock,	75	
Expressage,	15 62	
		$576 56

REPAIRS.

Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1896,	$127 49	
Appropriation.	300 00	
		$ 427 49

EXPENDITURES.

E. S. & A. Bridgman, lead and oil, High school,	$51 20	
" " " " " " (Franklin)	29 38	
G. I. Davis, painting, (High)	47 00	
G. W. Canterbury, " (Franklin)	45 50	
A. C. Shaw, repairs, (High)	26 09	
Wm. Bell, " "	4 50	
Sundry repairs, "	7 00	
" " (Federal)	6 83	
G. M. Walker, blinds, (High)	3 00	
G. W. Canterbury, repairs and shades, (Franklin)	24 11	
T. D. Potter & Co., shingles, (Cold Spring)	32 82	
R. C. Capen, labor, " "	15 68	
B. L. Thrasher, stoves, (Franklin and Cold Spring)	20 00	
Furnishings, (Franklin)	2 00	
Repairs, (Blue Meadow)	75	
Repairs, well, (Franklin)	1 25	
Repairs, South Center,	41 32	
" East Hill,	16 10	
" West Hill,	5 46	
" Laurel,	2 80	
" Lake Vale,	1 70	
Sundry repairs,	2 49	
Furnishings,	3 85	
Cleaning vaults and well,	9 25	
Unexpended balance,	27 41	
		$ 427 49

REPAIRS ON UNION SCHOOL BUILDING.

Appropriation,		$300 00
Repairs,	$31 20	
Unexpended balance,	268 80	
		$ 300 00

SALARY OF COMMITTEE.

M. A. Morse,	$95 00	
John Anderson,	95 00	
M. S. Longley,	75 00	
		$265 00

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1896,	$100 00
Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1897,	100 00

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled,	531
" " between 5 and 15,	461
" " " 8 and 14,	312
" " under 5,	8
" " over 15,	38
Perfect in attendance one year,	13
" " two terms,	38
" " one term,	110
Average wages of high school teacher per month,	$87 04
" " assistant high school teacher per month,	40 00
" " male teachers in common school,	26 57
" " female " " "	26 40

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools,	$4,500 00
" Books and supplies,	500 00
" Repairs of Laurel school house,	350 00
" General repairs,	200 00
" Transportation of pupils,	100 00

M. A. Morse,
John Anderson,
M. S. Longley. } *Committee.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number.	No. enrolled.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 8 and 14.	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.
High, ...	76	56	0	32	20	12	53	49	61	59	59	55
Center Grammar,...	38	26	0	0	26	23	26	25	34	32	35	31
Center Primary, ...	63	61	1	0	60	26	39	35	34	32	36	31
Center South,.....	21	21	1	0	20	17	15	13	17	15	13	11
Mill Valley,.....	26	25	0	0	25	20	22	20	16	14	17	14
Cold Spring,.....	24	24	0	0	8	16	20	20	21	20	20	18
Franklin Grammar, .	28	28	0	0	28	28	25	23	24	22	23	22
Franklin Primary,...	36	36	2	0	34	11	29	27	29	27	28	23
Liberty, ...	18	18	0	0	16	10	16	15	14	13	13	11
Washington, ...	25	25	0	0	25	17	19	17	18	16	16	11
Chestnut Hill, ...	24	24	0	2	22	14	18	17	21	19	16	14
Rock Rimmon, ...	14	14	0	1	13	11	12	11	9	8	11	9
Holyoke.....	25	25	0	0	25	13	20	19	23	21	16	14
Federal, ...	24	24	1	1	22	14	18	15	15	15	15	14
Lake Vale, ...	18	18	0	1	17	15	15	14	16	15	17	15
Union, ...	31	31	0	1	28	18	18	16	22	20	20	17
West Hill,.....	21	21	0	0	21	14	18	16	19	15	8	6
Laurel,...	28	28	1	0	27	16	15	14	27	25	23	20
East Hill, ...	15	15	0	0	15	10	10	9	12	11	12	11
Blue Meadow,.....	11	11	2	0	9	7	9	8	8	7	6	6
	566	531	8	38	461	312						

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE TERMS.

Vienna Bridgman,
Johnnie Sullivan,
Maggie Moriarty,
Theresa Granfield,
Carrie P. Holland,
Leon Aldrich,
Eddie Rogers.
Lilla Lamson,
Katie Moriarty,
Minnie Moriarty,
Amy Randall,
Lewis Blackmer,
Peter Morency,

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Robert Bardwell,
Freddie Wright,
Katie Manning,
John J. Fay,
Bessie Randolph,
Louise Austin,
Ellen Keyes,
Bridget Fitzgerald,
Peter Shea,
Favill Randolph,
Fred Randolph,
Arthur Randall,
Mary Sullivan,
Nellie O'Connor,
Nellie Sullivan,
John Moriarty,
William Moriarty,
Bertha Clark,
Amy Bruce,
Grace Hamilton,
Cyril Courtland,
Iola Jepson,
Harry Jackson,
Alva Farrington,
Mason Sanford,
Walter Damon,
Stanley Bridgman,
Clinton Hamilton,
Clifton Hamilton,
Irene Jackson,
Lula Cooley,
Wilbur Rogers,
Freddie Rogers,
Henry Capen,
Bertha Peeso,
Ethel Potter,
Edna Freeman,
Henry Koch.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Nettie Bardwell,
Lizzie Thresher,
Willie Bardwell,
John Mitchell,
Henry Thresher,
Willie Bannister,
Daisy French,
Richard French,
Freddie Morse,
Samuel K. Wilson,
Walter Goodell,
Cora M. Juckett,
Lucy A. Randolph,
Esther Fay,
Hattie Corey,
Nora Connors,
Daisy Rhodes,
Harry Austin,
Raymond Austin,
F. L. Spencer,
Ida Wiggins,
Marcella Carmody,
Mamie Carmody,
John Lynch,
Agnes Lynch,
Frank Capen,
Myron Capen,
Louis Capen,
Fred Capen,
Bert LeGro,
John Hanifin,
Clarence Randall,
Patrick Kennedy,
Edmond Grise,
John Shea,
Daisy Canterbury,
Maurice Moriarty,
Frank Randall.
Edgar Rhodes,
Charlie Rhodes,
Annie Johnston,
Robert Cummings,
Michael Mitchell,
Robert Adair,
Grace Thayer,
Fannie Thayer,
Gertrude Moriarty,
Daniel Connor,
Jerald Fitzgerald,
Georgie Shea,
Chester Canterbury,
Jerry Sullivan,
Maurice Moriarty,
Daniel Sullivan,
John Sullivan,
Mary Garvey,
Rachel Curtis,
Vera Cummings,
Carroll Atwood,
Ada Chamberlain,
Ozella Plantiff,
Eddie Snow,
Eddie Ward,
Bert Whitlark,
Henry Witt,
Maude Damon,
Almond Demon,
Robert Dillon,
Margaret Steverson,
Stella Main,
Willie Hill,
Luther Holland,
Henry Damon,
Donald Bridgman,

Mabel Smith,
Ida Damon,
Joseph Drohan,
Raymond Gould,
Harry Gould,
Alice Guild,
Ruth Hopkins,
Roland Shaw,
Grover Snow,
Florence Woods,
Martin Ubare,
Florence Ubare,
Flora Cooley,
Henry Cooley,
Anna Clark,
Clayton Greene,
May Davis,
Addie Batsesby,
Fred Sanford,
Mamy Batsesby,
Clara Pierce,
Thomas Shuttle,
Frank Fuller,
Leon Williams,
Michael Prosser,
William Prosser,
John LeGrande,
Anna LeGrande,
Archie Gamley,
John Cawfield,
Mary Koch,
Lillian Munsell,
Georgie Davis,
Willie Ellis,
Herbert Peeso,
Georgie Greene.

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Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
HAMPSHIRE, } ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A town clerk, three selectmen, three assessors, a treasurer, an auditor, five constables, a tax collector, all for one year; one school committee for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. Vote "Yes" or "No." All on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: Three fence viewers, eight measurers of wood, eight surveyors of lumber, six field drivers, two almoners of the Whiting Street Fund; also a committee to serve as almoners of the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year; and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years; and one commissioner of burial grounds for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools.

ART. 6. To raise money for the purchase of school books and other supplies; also for transportation of scholars, if necessary.

ART. 7. To see if the town shall raise money for repairs and furnishing schoolhouses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray town and pauper expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to see if any part of said money be paid for permanent improvements.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing and keeping in repair the several town burying grounds.

ART. 12. To see if the town will rescind the vote whereby it voted March 5th, 1883, that three persons be appointed by the selectmen to act as a board of trustees for the Calvin Bridgman Funds, one to serve for three years, one to serve for two years, and one to serve one year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will constitute and appoint its board of selectmen and their successors in office as a board of trustees for the Calvin Bridgman funds now belonging to it.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to amend the vote whereby it voted March 5th, 1883, that the chairman of the school committee and the treasurer of the town shall belong ex-officio to this board, by inserting after the word "town" in the second line, the words "and their successors in office"; so that said vote shall read as follows: "*Voted*, That the chairman of the school committee and the treasurer of the town and their successors in office shall belong, ex-officio, to this board," and that the board shall serve without compensation from the town or fund, according to the petition of William E. Bridgman and ten others.

ART. 15. To see if the town will lay a concrete walk from end of present walk, near G. F. Lincoln's, to southwest corner of E. F. Smith's lot, near A. C. Shaw's, a distance of seventy-five rods, and appropriate money for same; also a walk from termination of present concrete walk on South Main street, to South Center schoolhouse, a distance of twenty-two rods, and appropriate money for same, agreeable to the petition of W. H. Hawks and ten others.

ART. 16. To see if the town will lay out and build a concrete sidewalk, and appropriate money for same, beginning at the cross-walk near L. W. Dillon's barn and extending through the avenue which leads to New street, crossing New street near the Baptist parsonage and extending to the end of New street, near the premises of T. W. Chatman, agreeable to the petition of A. L. Blackmer and ten others.

ART. 17. To see if the town will accept the concrete walk laid on Maple street, commencing at the schoolhouse lane and running to the premises of Mrs. Susan Porter; also to continue the above-named walk as far as H. D. Hoag's driveway and thence across the street, agreeable to the petition of W. H. Bridgman and ten others.

ART. 18. To see if the town will lay out and build a concrete walk on the north side of the highway, connecting with the walk at the southeast corner of land of R. K. Shumway and running westerly to a point opposite the house of John W. Jackson, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to assist the Guild in the care of and lighting of the lamps in the park, and to raise the money for the same, agreeable to the petition of L. W. Dillon and ten others.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to instruct the assessors to abate the tax for 1897 assessed against the R. H. Long Manufacturing Co., agreeable to the petition of A. W. Morse and twenty-six others.

ART. 21. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to take the necessary measures to abolish the grade crossing at the depot in Belchertown, according to petition of M. S. Barton and ten others.

ART. 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of putting in a bath tub and relaying two floors at the almshouse.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use and care of the town house.

ART. 24. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell, care for the town clock, and drive the hearse for the year ensuing.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the chairman of the selectmen and treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 26. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the selectmen.

ART. 27. To hear the report of the selectmen on guide boards.

ART. 28. To see if the town will accept of the provisions of the will of Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman, whereby the amount of two hundred dollars is to be invested in the Amherst Savings Bank, the income to be used in keeping lots Nos. 1 and 2 in Mount Hope Cemetery in Belchertown, Mass., in good order, the iron fence painted well, the monuments cleaned and kept in good order, the grass in these lots and in Nos. 3 and 4 cut often, so they will always look trim and nice. These lots, Nos. 1 and 2, belonged to Susan D. D. Shaw, who owned and laid out said cemetery of two and one-half acres, and is the original cemetery. Any portion of said income not used yearly as above mentioned, I wish expended each year in keeping in order monuments belonging to persons dead or out of town and not able to take care of them; only on the two and one-half acres do I wish this work done. I wish it called the Mrs. Calvin Bridgman fund for the cemetery of the town of Belchertown, Mass., said town to appoint someone to do the work each year.

ART. 29. To see if the town will instruct the assessors to abate ninety-one dollars and thirty-nine cents in taxes for the year of 1896, as asked for by the collector.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from near the place formerly owned by Mrs. Ellen Condon to the place owned by Samuel Capen, agreeably to the petition of Mason L. Sanford and ten others.

ART. 31. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to close at three o'clock p. m. unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at the depot at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, ten days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D. 1898.

NELSON RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
M. W. BARDWELL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	$733,670.00	
Valuation of personal estate,	134,940.00	
		$868,610.00
Tax on real estate,	$10,784.95	
Tax on personal estate,	1,983.36	
Number of Polls, 531,	1,062.00	
		$13,830.31

WE HAVE ASSESSED A TAX AS FOLLOWS:

For support of schools,	$4,500.00	
School books and supplies,	300.00	
Town and pauper expenses,	3,500.00	
Highways and bridges,	2,500.00	
Care of burial grounds,	55.00	
Concrete walk,	500.00	
State tax,	630.00	
County tax,	1,596.90	
		$13,581.90
Overlayings,		248.41
		$13,830.31

Rate, $14.70 on a Thousand Dollars.

Number of persons paying a poll tax only,	151
Acres assessed,	33,000
Horses,	633
Cows,	1,558
Sheep,	56

Number of Swine,	204
Neat cattle other than cows,	401
Dwelling houses,	495
Fowls,	3225

GUY C. ALLEN,
HOWARD C. WEST,
FRANK B. ALDEN,
} *Assessors of Belchertown.*

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

1897.			
Feb.	15	Balance due on settlement,	$1,739.13
		William Snow, Note,	75.00
	16	Cash of Guy C. Allen,	261.00
	17	Town of Ludlow acct. Schools,	40.75
	19	City of Holyoke,	10.00
	25	Guy C. Allen,	270.50
	27	" "	87.00
March	1	" "	76.00
	1	" " concrete walk,	14.50
	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	39.15
	10	Guy C. Allen,	63.25
	18	Guy C. Allen,	49.50
	18	Town of Amherst,	48.00
	20	Oliver Walker for canceled policy,	14.60
	20	E. A. Farrington, Edwards case,	4.00
	20	Wm. Burnett Estate, balance due on taxes,	93.70
	30	Guy C. Allen,	53.00
April	5	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	37.53
	5	Guy C. Allen,	94.50
	19	Nelson Randall, posting notices,	.50
	26	Town of Warren,	7.14
	29	Guy C. Allen,	51.50
	29	Guy C. Allen, concrete walk,	2.50
May	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	49.29
	3	Guy C. Allen, auct. license,	2.00

May	3	Cash of C. H. Snow, liquor license,	$ 1.00
	6	Mary R. Muzzy, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	18	State Treasurer, support of state paupers,	74.01
	18	State Treasurer, Ins. of Animals,	56.75
	21	Guy C. Allen,	77.50
	21	" " concrete walk,	7.35
	24	" "	58.50
June	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	59.04
	7	A. M. Bagg, butcher license,	1.00
	7	H. M. Jepson, " "	1.00
	10	Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	11	Town of Pelham,	9.43
	14	Guy C. Allen,	68.00
	18	Nelson Randall, for lead and oil,	11.65
	22	" " grading concrete walk,	23.00
	29	Guy C. Allen,	55.50
July	1	Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	2	Guy C. Allen, concrete walk,	63.22
	2	" "	22.78
	3	H. H. Chilson, fines from district court,	22.00
	3	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	77.08
	7	John Stadler, butcher license,	1.00
	12	Nelson Randall, acct. concrete walk, 1897,	6.42
	14	Guy C. Allen,	26.00
	30	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	81.25
Aug.	2	M. M. Bardwell, condemned cow,	30.00
	2	Hannah L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	5	H. M. Hill, license merry-go-round,	8.00
	11	Guy C. Allen,	20.50
	11	City of Springfield, taxes 1894–95–96, Acts of 1893,	30.26
	14	State Treasurer, education of state children,	476.00
	21	Alex. Adams & Co., sewer connections,	40.00

Aug.	21	Cash of Guy C. Allen,	$60.00
	23	H. M. Hill, merry-go-round,	5.00
	25	Patrick Key, sewer connection,	30.00
Sept.	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	67.51
	2	Guy C. Allen,	24.00
	6	" " 1896 tax,	28.25
	6	" "	350.00
	7	" "	406.00
	7	" " concrete walk,	16.20
	8	" " 1896 tax,	52.00
	13	" " "	51.00
	15	" " "	25.00
	15	" " 1897 tax,	165.00
	15	City of Springfield, Acts 1893,	10.52
	23	John F. Hayes, sewer connection,	8.00
	24	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	9.00
	24	" "	244.00
	25	" " 1896 tax,	30.00
	30	" "	162.00
	30	" " concrete walk,	8.10
	30	Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
Oct.	2	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	67.95
	4	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	44.00
	4	" "	190.00
	5	R. S. Kenfield, rent of Town Hall,	5.00
	8	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	8.75
	8	" "	314.00
	13	H. H. Chilson, fines from Dist. Court,	15.00
	14	Guy C. Allen,	377.00
	14	" "	112.75
	18	" "	190.00
	22	" "	308.75
	29	" "	318.28
	30	" "	124.00
Nov.	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	68.51
	4	Hannah L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	4	Guy C. Allen,	348.00

Nov.	9	Cash of Guy C. Allen,	$229.50
	13	" "	438.25
	17	Michael Z. Sullivan, sewer connection,	25.00
	18	Guy C. Allen,	323.75
	19	" "	207.25
	20	" "	133.50
	22	" "	191.50
	22	" " concrete walk,	4.00
	25	" " " "	1.50
	25	" "	592.00
	29	" "	666.00
	30	Amherst Bank,	1,000.00
	30	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	71.08
Dec.	1	R. S. Kenfield, rent of Town Hall,	5.00
	3	Guy C. Allen,	1,206.00
	3	" " 1896 tax,	25.00
	6	Town of Prescott,	17.00
	7	Town of Montague,	67.85
	11	Guy C. Allen,	505.50
	14	Corporation tax,	133.90
	14	National Bank tax,	461.61
	14	Military Aid,	166.00
	14	State Aid,	1,112.00
	14	Support of state paupers,	33.84
	14	Temporary support of state paupers,	16 80
	14	Burial of Indigent soldiers,	35.00
	21	Guy C. Allen,	365.50
	21	" " concrete walk, 1897,	44.35
	29	" " " " "	10.00
	29	" "	235.37
	29	" " 1896 taxes,	27.00
	1898.		
Jan.	3	J. E. Clark, fine of George Porter, illegal selling,	50.00
	3	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	55.96
	5	Town of Ludlow,	24.31
	6	Guy C. Allen,	567.75
	7	Wm. Snow to apply on note,	29.50

Jan.	8	Cash of R. S. Kenfield, rent of Town Hall,	$ 1.00
	11	H. H. Chilson, fine from District Court,	25.00
	14	Guy C. Allen,	288.75
	14	" " 1896 tax,	20.00
	14	" " concrete walk,	9.74
	15	County Treasurer, dog fund,	268.17
	18	B. & A. R. R.,	15.00
	26	State Treasurer, school fund,	441.70
	26	Guy C. Allen,	180.00
	26	" " 1896 tax,	91.00
	26	" " concrete walk,	20.57
Feb.	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	65.21
	3	Hannah L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	4	Guy C. Allen,	168.50
	9	Town of Ludlow, acct. of schools,	40.00
	9	Guy C. Allen,	153.25
	11	M. A. Morse, sale of book,	.70
	14	Guy C. Allen,	84.25
	14	" " 1896 tax,	76.25
	14	" " 1896 concrete walk,	3.00
	14	" " 1897 concrete walk,	17.00
	14	Thomas LaCroix, sewer connection,	10.00
	15	E. A. Farrington,	11.75
	15	E. A. Farrington, driving hearse,	70.00
	16	Guy C. Allen,	493.50
	16	" " 1896 tax,	55.00
			$26,692.76

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1897.			
Feb.	16	William Snow, note,	$75.00
March	13	Cash paid J. W. Flint, services Dist. Court, Russell case,	15.25
	13	J. W. Flint, services Smith case,	13.23
	20	E. A. Farrington, Edwards case,	8.83
April	13	W. E. Bridgman, insurance on Town Hall,	25.00
May	14	State Treasurer, acct. liquor license,	.25
June	10	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	22.50
July	1	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	30.00
Aug.	3	Insurance on barn at Town Farm,	25.50
Sept.	10	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	30	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	15.00
	30	Edwin H. Banister, county tax,	1,596.20
Nov.	1	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	30	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	30	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	3.75
Dec.	2	W. E. Bridgman, insurance on alms-house,	27.00
	14	State tax,	630.00
	14	Assessment acct. grade crossing,	713.71
	14	Interest acct. grade crossing,	24.10
	30	Note at Amherst Bank,	1,000.00
1898.			
Feb.	17	790 Town orders del. Selectmen,	15,591.54
		Services as treasurer,	100.00
		Cash on hand,	775.90
			$26,692.76

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

For the year Ending Feb. 15, 1898.

EXPENSES OF PAUPERS IN ALMSHOUSE.

1897.		
Feb. 27	Paid Dorman & Sanford, grain supplies for almshouse,	$21.89
	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies for almshouse,	3.28
	Geo. W. Coleman, work at almshouse,	1.25
Apr. 1	Charles L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	9.84
	W. L. Sanford, supplies for almshouse,	9.93
	E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100.00
May 1	Charles L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	1.24
	Franklin W. Fellows, harness repairs,	5.25
	H. R. Gould, supplies for almshouse,	27.51
June 1	Louaine Squires, for services on farm,	20.00
	Wm. F. Carter, for repairs on wagons,	4.50
	L. A. Smith, for burial outfit Achsah Coles,	18.75

June 9	Paid A. L. Mellen, digging grave for Achsah Coles,	$ 4.00
	Dorman & Sanford, grain supplies almshouse,	96.16
July 1	E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100.00
	H. R. Gould, supplies for almshouse,	18.18
	D. L. Hazen, supplies for almshouse,	30.76
	W. L. Sanford, supplies for almshouse,	20.18
Aug. 1	C. L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	2.83
	Louaine Squires, for services on farm,	30.00
	C. L. Holland, for supplies for farm,	3.22
	Eugene Randall, grapple hay fork,	5.00
Sep. 1	C. L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	2.06
	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed for almshouse,	63.77
	H. R. Gould, supplies for almshouse,	22.88
Oct. 1	Louaine Squires, for services on farm,	30.00
	E. A. Farrington, for services as warden,	100.00
	W. L. Sanford, supplies for almshouse,	13.15
	J. W. Jackson, supplies for almshouse,	6.85
	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies for almshouse,	52.63
	H. R. Gould, supplies for almshouse,	13.37

Nov. 1	Paid C. E. Scott, supplies for almshouse,	$12.57
	Louaine Squires, services on farm,	25.00
	Myron Ward, fertilizer, Town Farm,	15.45
	C. L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	7.85
	J. W. Jackson, supplies for almshouse,	6.85
	D. L. Hazen, supplies for almshouse,	9.15
Dec. 1	C. L. Holland, supplies for almshouse,	2.64
	W. L. Sanford, supplies for almshouse,	12.99
1898.		
Jan. 1	E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100.00
	Wm. F. Carter, repairs on wagon and sled,	6.00
	F. W. Fellows, goods furnished almshouse,	2.55
	C. E. Scott, supplies for almshouse,	5.05
	Walter Dunbar, supplies for almshouse,	6.13
	Geo. E. Sanford, grain supplies for almshouse,	143.15
Feb. 1	W. L. Sanford, almshouse supplies,	13.94
	H. F. Curtis, blacksmith work for town farm,	15.75
	Fred Chamberlain, cutting wood and getting ice,	15.50
12	A. M. Baggs, fertilizer for town farm,	16.50

Feb. 15	Paid E. Farrington, female help at almshouse,	$53.98	
	H. R. Gould, supplies at almshouse,	4.82	
	A. B. Howard, butter at almshouse,	41.12	
	H. A. Hopkins, supplies at almshouse,	15.44	
	F. L. Stebbins, cutting ice for almshouse,	8.50	
	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies at almshouse,	14.20	
	J. W. Jackson, supplies at almshouse,	3.38	
	E. S. Bridgman, supplies at almshouse,	85.70	
	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance,	24.00	
	Charles H. Snow, drugs and medicines,	5.05	
	D. L. Hazen, almshouse supplies,	8.49	
	E. C. Scott, almshouse supplies,	3.45	
	E. A. Farrington, cash paid out,	275.56	
	Total expense at almshouse,		$1,799.24

RECEIPTS AND GAIN FROM TOWN FARM.

Received for 25,880 spaces of cream,	$777.77	
Cash received by the Warden,	275.56	
Cash received by the Warden for driving the hearse, paid treasurer,	70.00	
Due from George Kelley and E. F. Smith,	3.85	
Gain on personal property over last year,	129.25	
Total receipts,		$1,256.43
Total expense at almshouse,	$1,799.24	
Deducting the receipts.	1,256.43	
Actual expense of paupers at almshouse,		$542.81

Average number of paupers for the year, 7.

Number of tramps put up for the night, 377.

We report here what the State Visitor says of our almshouse:

"The management of this almshouse continues satisfactory. It is kept in good repair, and is clean and orderly. The inmates show evidence of good care and kind treatment. There is need of a bath-room and improved heating appliances. The farm is well managed and very productive."

The Overseers of the Poor fully agree with the State Visitor.

NELSON RANDALL,
M. W. BARDWELL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
} *Overseers of the Poor.*

EXPENSE OF PAUPERS OUTSIDE ALMSHOUSE.

For the Year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

1897.		
Feb. 27	Paid Henry B. Moulton, soldier,	$10.00
	Wm. H. Squires, board of Henry A. Capen,	4.00
	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
Mar. 9	Belchertown Creamery Co., butter La Chapelle,	1.05
16	J. E. Stowell, M. D., medical services Howard child,	11.25
Apr. 1	C. L. Holland, supplies La Chapelle family,	6.24
	E. B. Nims, Treas. N. L. Hospital, care insane,	125.37
	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
May 1	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance Fred Cady,	35.50
	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance state pauper,	3.25
	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance Stephen White,	5.00
	C. L. Holland, supplies La Chapelle family,	5.20
	William Kennedy, supplies for Ellen M. Ballou family,	1.00
	H. A. Smith, M. D., medical attendance state paupers,	6.00
	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
	Belchertown Creamery Co., butter La Chapelle family,	1.38
June 1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
	E. J. Beaupie, clothing for Thos. O'Brian,	10.50

June 1	Paid H. C. Dodge, board of Nancy White,	$ 9.43
	W. H. Squires, board of Henry A. Capen,	6.00
	M. Moriarty, coffin for Topoe child,	5.00
	Delia Flardue, nursing Mrs. La Chapelle,	30.00
July 1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
	Belchertown Creamery Co., butter La Chapelle family,	3.36
	Treasurer Northampton Hospital, care of insane,	126.75
Aug. 1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
	Belchertown Creamery Co., butter La Chapelle family,	1.70
	C. L. Holland, supplies for La Chapelle family,	5.05
	C. L. Holland, supplies for La Chapelle family,	9.77
	John Jackson, supplies for La Chapelle family,	.54
	Hospital, City of Boston, care B. M. Mellen,	20.00
Sept. 1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
	C. L. Holland, supplies for La Chapelle family,	3.10
	Nelson Randall, transportation La Chapelle family to Canada,	67.13
	H. A. Hopkins, clothing for La Chapelle family,	13.60
Oct. 1	Dr. Geo. F. Thompson, medical attendance La Chapelle,	27.00
	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support 3 children,	12.50

Oct. 1	Paid Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance Mary Gibbs,	$10.00
	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance Steven White,	7.25
	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance Dexter Lombard,	8.00
	D. L. Hazen, supplies for La Chapelle family,	.95
	Belchertown Creamery Co., butter La Chapelle family,	3.75
	E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies La Chapelle family,	42.89
	Lewis F. Babbett, Treas. N. Hospital, care insane,	128.13
	City of Springfield, aid Henry B. Moulton,	4.65
Nov. 1	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance B. Cook,	10.00
	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance Mary Gibbs,	7.00
	D. L. Hazen, supplies D. Lombard and S. White,	15.53
	Peter Pierce & Son, care Baxter Cook,	7.00
Dec. 1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support 3 children,	12.50
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	N. Randall, last sickness expenses A. F. Crockett,	46.25
1898.		
Jan. 1	C. E. Scott, supplies furnished Ellen M. Ballou,	1.18
	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support 3 children,	12.50
	Lewis F. Babbett, Treas. N. Hospital, care insane,	128.13

Feb. 12	Paid Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	$12.50	
	A. L. Pratt, slab wood for Ellen Ballou,	.75	
15	Dexter Lombard, supplies,	1.02	
	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance out poor,	24.00	
	E. S. Bridgman, supplies for Bush,	3.00	
	E. S. Bridgman, supplies Mary Lynds,	5.27	
	E. S. Bridgman, supplies Mrs. Charles H. Ballou,	1.35	
	C. L. Holland, supplies,	1.50	
Amount paid for paupers outside almshouse,			$1161.77
Due from state and towns,		89.86	
Received from other towns and persons,		287.59	
			$ 377.45
Total expense of paupers outside almshouse,			$ 784.32

NELSON RANDALL,
M. W. BARDWELL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
Overseers of Poor.

Report of Superintendent of Streets.

Including every known bill to date, Feb. 15, 1898.

Paid Samuel Allen,	repairing	roads,	bridges,	etc. $ 84.10
C. L. Randall,	"	"	"	84.21
G. C. Allen, Jr.,	"	"	"	131.63
D. P. Spencer,	"	"	"	130.73
Daniel Kennedy,	"	"	"	174.15
M. F. Austin,	"	"	"	143.77
Michael Cavin,	"	"	"	98.45
S. M. Arnold,	"	"	"	101.55
Geo. W. Knight,	"	"	"	185.57
David Ward,	"	"	"	97.76
D. F. Shumway,	"	"	"	182.73
H. M. Lamson,	"	"	"	63.22
John Flaherty,	"	"	"	65.30
H. M. Dunbar,	"	"	"	108.97
Jefferson Clough,	"	"	"	20.00
Jason Hurlburt,	"	"	"	96.60
M. G. Ward,	"	"	"	71.23
A. D. Randall,	"	"	"	12.90
F. L. Stebbins, plank, etc.,				22.65
T. D. Potter & Co., tile, plank, lumber, etc.,				41.06
P. E. Damon, shoveling snow,				2.25
M. W. Bardwell, shoveling snow,				2.85
L. W. Dillon, telephone,				.25
W. W. Hunt, tile,				3.50
William Aldrich, labor,				1.95
H. E. Dodge, labor,				3.25

Paid R. L. Bridgman,	$2.10	
Freight bills,	1.12	
Wm. Capen, repairs on scraper,	5.50	
A. D. Randall, timber for bridge,	5.00	
Arthur Pease, labor,	.25	
Orin Slate, labor,	1.00	
E. A. Randall, labor,	2.50	
W. L. Sanford, cement,	.10	
John Kelley, labor,	6.22	
Henry J. Mellen, labor,	6.22	
Henry Combs, labor,	1.25	
Wilbur Pierce, labor,	1.25	
Wm. Knowlton, labor,	1.50	
Leroy Aldrich, labor,	1.50	
George Akers, labor,	.90	
Geo. H. Guest, labor,	2.55	
J. J. Green, breaking road,	3.60	
C. A. Capen, repairing bridge,	9.55	
Wm. Orlandor, tile,	5.50	
Grate and labor for tile drain,	1.00	
Postage, cards and stamps,	.22	
		$1,989.46
May 1 Received from the Town, cash,	$200.00	
Jun 18 " " "	300.00	
July 1 " " "	200.55	
Sep. 11 " " "	100.00	
Oct. 1 " " "	800.00	
Dec. 1 " " "	150.00	
Jan. 27 " " "	100.00	
Feb. 15 " " "	138.91	
		$1,989.46
Of this amt. there was used for snow bills over	$200.00	
Drain across the common,	36.04	
Repairing and planking bridges,	150.00	
In consequence of freshets,	300.00	
		$686.04
Expended in actual repairs on highways,		$1,303.42

Appropriation,	$2,500.00
Expended,	1,989.46
Less than appropriation,	$510.54

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. RANDALL, *Superintendent of Streets.*

Belchertown, Feb. 16th, 1898.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT BY THE SELECTMEN.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

1897.		
Feb. 27	Paid H. S. Pratt, snow bill, left over,	$16.05
Apr. 1	Henry McKellop, snow bill, left over,	2.00
	Sanford & Stebbins, plank, left over,	2.80
	Geo. M. Akers, snow bill, left over,	12.41
	Michael Caven, snow bill, left over,	7.37
	Daniel P. Spencer, snow bill, left over,	1.80
	Henry Lamson, snow bill, left over,	9.75
May 1	Wm. F. Carter, repairs on road scraper, new,	3.75
	Albert E. Dodge, repairs on road scraper, new,	13.40
	J. F. Thompson, storing road scraper, new,	1.50
	George Tyler & Co., repairs for road scraper,	2.00
	A. D. Randall, Street Superintendent, for repairs,	200.00
	J. B. Markham, freight on road scraper repairs,	.85
Jun. 1	Geo. Tyler & Co., freight on road scraper repairs,	.75

June 1	Paid Albert E. Dodge, repairing road scraper,		$1.50
	A. D. Randall, Street Supt., for repairs,		300.00
Jul. 1	A. D. Randall, Street Supt., for M. F. Austin, repairs,		96.80
	A. D. Randall, Street Supt., for repairs,		103.75
	Wm. F. Carter, repairing road scrapers,		4.00
Aug. 1	A. E. Dodge, repairing road scrapers,		2.10
	Geo. Tyler & Co., road scraper blades and bolts,		6.80
Sep. 1	A. D. Randall, Street Supt., for repairs,		100.00
Oct. 1	D. P. Spencer, work at Mill Valley bridge,	6.00	
	H. M. Dunbar, work at Mill Valley bridge,	11.88	
	Geo. S. Warner, work at Mill Valley bridge,	7.00	
	Geo. W. Akers, work at Mill Valley bridge,	8.75	
	Geo. E. Sanford, work at Mill Valley bridge,	23.00	
	Nelson Randall, work at Mill Valley bridge,	6.00	
	Martin Whitemore, w'k at Mill Valley bridge,	3.75	
	Wm. E. Aldrich, work at Mill Valley bridge,	4.50	
	Wm. H. Chamberlain, work at Mill Valley bridge,	2.50	
	Clesson S. Pratt, work at Mill Valley bridge,	2.50	
	Total expense of filling raceway,		75.88

Oct. 1	Paid A. D. Randall, Street Supt., for repairs, 4 orders,	$800.00	
Dec. 1	A. D. Randall, Street Supt., for repairs,	150.00	
1898.			
Jan. 1	Sylvester Smith, labor on highway, Knight's district,	1.00	
25	A. D. Randall, superintendent of street repairs,	100.00	
Feb. 12	Homer Pratt, repairs on highways,	2.10	
15	A. D. Randall, superintendent of street repairs,	138.91	
	M. W. Bardwell, labor on highway,	2.50	
			$2,159.77

OF THIS AMOUNT WE HAVE PAID:

A. D. Randall, Street Superintendent,	$1,989.46	
The Selectmen have paid bills amounting to	170.31	
		$2,159.77

Appropriation,	$2,500.00	
Less amount paid out,	2,159.77	
Balance left in treasury,		$340.23

NELSON RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
M. W. BARDWELL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Burial Ground Account.

Appropriation,		$55.00
Paid John Grau, mowing Union cemetery,	$3.00	
Robert Burnes, mowing West Hill,	1.50	
Geo. F. Chandler, mowing Lake Vale,	5.00	
Albert Bardwell, mowing Holyoke cemetery,	2.50	
Merrick Whitemore, mowing So. Center cemetery,	6.00	
E. S. Lane, care of Burial Grounds,	2.15	
		20.15
Balance in treasury,		$34.85

Concrete Sidewalk Account.

Appropriation,		$500.00
Paid for grading sidewalk,	$122.47	
Paid Fred Normandin, for laying concrete,	501.85	
Received from abuttors for grading,		23.00
Town received from abuttors,		137.37
	$624.32	$660.37
Balance left in treasury,		$ 36.05

Janitor's Report.

Received for use of hall,		$20.00
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid for wood,	$ 2.00	
John Doherty, sawing wood,	.50	
E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies,	1.68	
Janitor, for care of hall,	9.00	
	$13.18	$20.00
Balance paid to Treasurer,		$ 6.82

A. BRIDGMAN, *Janitor.*

Selectmen's Report.

TOWN ACCOUNT.

For the Year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

1897.		
Feb. 27	Paid John E. Doherty, sawing wood Town House,	$ 1.00
	Wm. E. Bridgman, services as auditor and administering oaths,	8.00
	M. S. Barton, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	5.00
	Asa C. Smith, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	7.00
	Nelson Randall, services as selectman and overseer of the poor, and expense in connection,	11.30
	R. W. Lyman, to drawing up sewer contract,	3.00
	Eliza O. Burnett, executrix services Wm. Burnett, sheriff,	17.84
Mar. 9	Carpenter & Morehouse, printing town reports and ballots,	60.05
15	C. B. Southwick, for services as registrar,	7.00
17	Eliza O. Burnett, executrix Wm. Burnett, collecting taxes — 1895 and 1896,	200.00
Apr. 1	R. K. Shumway, services as election officer,	2.00
	D. F. Shumway, services as election officer, Spring and Fall, two meetings,	4.00
	W. F. White, ringing bell and care town clock two months,	7.50
	F. B. Purdy, services as election officer,	2.00
	F. D. Walker, services as election officer,	2.00

Apr. 1	Paid Guy C. Allen, services as meat inspector,	$ 7.75
	Guy C. Allen, services as cattle inspector,	60.00
14	Eliza O. Burnett, executrix Wm. Burnett, overpay on tax, 1894,	9.60
May 1	C. R. Kaplinger, printing and stationery,	12.55
	E. R. Bridgman, administering oaths,	.50
	W. F. White, ringing bell and care town clock,	3.75
	Nelson Randall, postage, express, freight, traveling expenses,	7.72
	Wm. F. Carter, repairs on hearse,	4 00
	R. K. Shumway, painting and varnishing hearse,	25.00
	Guy C. Allen, field books for assessors,	1.75
	T. J. S. Parsons, ballot clerk, Spring election,	2.00
	F. E. Dewey, services as teller, Spring election,	2.00
	H. C. Cromwell, plating trimming to hearse,	2.00
	E. A. Buck & Co., 5 h. of lead and barrel oil,	57.04
June 1	B. L. Thrasher, setting up stove in selectmen's room,	.75
	Ansel C. Shaw, services as assessor for 1896,	5.00
	L. W. Dillon, copying and posting warrants, etc.,	12.00
	Asa C. Smith, services in Elbridge case,	4.90
	W. F. White, ringing bell and care town clock,	3.75
	Roswell Allen, election officer,	2.00
	Milward Printing Co., one thousand town order blanks and bill heads,	3.25
	Henry R. Johnson, one tax book,	.75
	Kelley & Atwood, painting Town House and farm barn,	64.00
July 1	W. F. White, ringing bell and care of town clock,	3.75

Aug. 1	Paid W. F. White, ringing bell and care of town clock,	$ 3.75
	Henry R. Johnson, assessors' book,	.50
	R. W. Lyman, searching records for assessors,	4 00
	R. W. Lyman, services in Mrs. S. M. D. Bridgman's will,	5.00
	M. A. Morse, services as school committee,	30.00
	H. M. Abbott, copy of will Mrs. S. M. D. Bridgman,	1.00
	Hammond & Field, consultation and examination of records,	5.00
Sep. 1	W. F. White, ringing bell and care of town clock,	3.75
	Geo. H. B. Green, services as moderator annual meeting 1896–'97,	7.00
	William Olando, balance due for labor on sewer,	55.00
Oct. 1	Asa C. Smith, teller at annual meeting,	2.00
	Nelson Randall, traveling expenses and stamps,	10.90
	John Ganow, mowing Union cemetery,	3.00
	Robert Burnes, mowing West Hill cemetery,	1.50
	Geo. F. Chandler, mowing Lake Vale cemetery,	5.00
	T. S. Spalding, counsel and advice,	5.00
	Albert Bardwell, mowing Holyoke cemetery,	2.50
	W. F. White, ringing bell and care of town clock,	3.75
	Carpenter & Morehouse, assessors' blanks,	5.00
Nov. 1	J. B. Markham, freight on snow plow,	.43
	Nelson Randall, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	100.00
	Merick Whitemore, mowing South Center cemetery,	6.00
	A. L. Mellen, care of cemetery lots,	5.25
	C. B. Southick, services as registrar,	5.00
	W. F. White, ringing bell and care of town clock,	3.75

Dec. 1	Paid	Samuel Allen, services as surveyor,	$ 2.00
		A. L. Blackmer, cash and order books and paper,	5.33
		Guy C. Allen, services as assessor,	65.00
		Charles H. Ross, sawing, planing and shingles tramp house,	6.50
		F. L. Stebbins, services as forest fire warden,	7.00
		E. S. Lane, care of burial grounds,	2.15
		M. D. S. Longley, services as school committee,	35.00
		W. F. White, ringing bell and care of town clock,	3.75
		Wm. A. Snow, burial agent Laura C. Millen,	35.00
		R. K. Shumway, services as registrar,	2.00
		A. D. Randall, services as superintendent of streets,	35.00
		Wm. A. Snow, agent burial A. F. Crockett,	28.50
		C. E. Shumway, services as police officer Oct. 13th,	2.00
		Oliver Shannon, building tramp house, and material,	66.00
1898.			
Jan. 1	Paid	M. S. Barton, services at Boston, and car fare,	5.85
		F. F. Dewey, services as teller at November election,	1.50
		B. L. Thrasher, repairing stove, etc.,	5.10
		W. F. White, ringing bell and care of town clock,	3.75
		C. E. Scott, express, stamps, printing, etc.,	14.39
		N. Randall, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	58.14
		N. Randall, to cash, car fare, postage and other expense,	10.12
		Wm. G. Bassett, attorney, consultation fees,	7.00
		Capt. John Anderson, services as school committee,	50.00
		G. R. Dickinson, services as truant officer,	1.25

Jan. 10	Paid H. A. Smith, M. D , returning births,	$ 4.00
Feb. 1	H. F. Shaw, services as election officer,	3 50
	W. H. Higgins, damage on highway,	20.00
	C. L. Randall, damage to carriage on highway,	10.00
	L. A. Smith, returning death,	5.50
	W. F. White, ringing bell and care town clock,	3.75
	Chester Dickinson, setting stone for town line,	1 00
12	M. F. Austin, for services as election officer,	1.50
	A. C. Smith, for services as election officer,	1.50
	Roswell Allen, for services as election officer,	1.50
	Geo. F. Thomson, returning births,	5.25
	M. A. Morse, services as school committee,	70.00
	John Anderson, services as school committee,	35.00
	E. A. Farrington, driving hearse,	70.00
	Dr. W. H. Bliss, returning births,	.75
	Guy Allen, abatement of taxes 1895,	30.19
	Alden & Guy C. Allen, abatement of tax 1897,	1.47
	David Ward, election officer,	1.50
	M. G. Ward, election officer,	3.50
15	Dr. I. D. Hasbrouck, returning births,	1.00
	M. D. S. Longley, services as school committee,	40.00
	William E. Bridgman, services as justice of the peace and auditor,	9.50
	F. B. Alden, services as assesssor,	60.00
	E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies furnished Town Hall,	2.36
	Dr. C. B. King, returning births,	1.00
	C. E. Scott, services as town clerk and registrar for the year,	88.70
	Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,	268.17
	M. W. Bardwell, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	75.45
	Geo. E. Sanford, services as selectman and overseer of the poor, and car fare,	83.25

Feb. 15	Paid Nelson Randall, services as selectman and overseer of the poor and car fare to Boston, postage and other expense,		$50.97
	Howard C. West, services as assessor,		60.00
	Guy C. Allen, services as cattle inspector,		65.00
	Guy C. Allen, car fare to Springfield, Northampton and Boston,		10.00
	J. B. O'Donnel, for legal services collecting tax money,		1.50
	Charles A. Bardwell, abatement on taxes,		1.47
	Arthur Bridgman, railroad fare and postage,		13.60
	E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies for Town Hall,		1.68
			$2,463.47
	Less the amount paid from other appropriations and resources,		629.26
			$1,834.21
	Total amount of town and pauper,	$3,618.93	
	Appropriation for the same,	3,500.00	
	Excess of the appropriation,		$118.93

NELSON RANDALL,
M. W. BARDWELL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Paid on bills approved by the school committee for supplies and furnishings,		$ 719.46
Paid on school account,		5468.82
See school committee report,		

Collector's Report.

There was charged to your collector after the death of Wm. Burnett, the sum of		$3,949.20
Has been collected and paid into the treasury,	$3,394.97	
Abatements granted on the tax of 1895 to the amount of	30.19	
		$3,425.16
Dr. to error on tax of 1896,		$ 50.04
Cr. by error on tax of 1896,		36.28
Amount due the town on the taxes committed to Wm. Burnett,		537.80
Balance due on 1895 and 1896 tax.		

The sum committed to your collector for the year 1897 was	$13,831.36
He has collected and paid into the treasury,	10,639.90
Amount uncollected,	3,191.46

GUY C. ALLEN, *Collector.*

REAL ESTATE OF THE TOWN.

Town farm and buildings,	$6,000.00	
Two wood lots,	1,000.00	
Abbey pasture, 104 acres,	500.00	
		$7,500.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Household furniture,	$ 831.33	
Wood on hand,	224.75	
Provisions,	190.15	
		$1,246.23
Hay, 36 tons at $12.50 per ton,	450.00	
1 ton meadow,	5.00	
		$455.00
Farm tools, wagons, sleds, etc.,	$672.00	
85 bushels of corn,	45.00	
Grain and feed,	23.15	
Lumber,	15.50	
		$755.65
Two horses,	$300.00	
15 cows at $40 each,	600.00	
1 cow,	45.00	
4 heifers, two years old,	85.00	
2 yearlings,	24.00	
4 calves,	42.00	
1 sow,	25.00	
3 fat hogs,	30.00	
50 hens,	25.00	
		$1,176.00
		$11,132.88
About one hundred tons of ice,		$ 60.00
Hearse and sleigh,		360.00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from the state for burial expenses,	$ 63.50	
for state aid,	1,246.50	
for military aid,	176.00	
for state paupers,	64.79	
from town of Pelham,	2.80	
from town of Granby,	22.20	
for sewer connections,	32.00	
on taxes 1895 and 1896,	537.80	
on taxes 1897,	3,191.46	
from state, care Stephen White,	13.85	
from state, for cattle inspection,	32.50	
Wm. Snow, note held by treasurer,	50.00	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	775.90	
Total resources of the town,		$6,209.30
Orders issued during year, (790).		
Amounting to		$15,594.79
One outstanding order of last year,		2.00
		$15,596.79
One outstanding order this year,		5.25
The amount paid by treasurer for year ending Feb. 15, 1898,		$15,591.54

In this our annual report, it will be observed that in most accounts the expenses are within the appropriations.

NELSON RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
M. W. BARDWELL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Belchertown, and that I find them correctly cast and properly vouched for, and that I this day find in the town treasury cash, checks and bank deposits amounting to $775.90.

WM. E. BRIDGMAN, *Auditor.*

Belchertown, Mass., Feb. 18, 1898.

Expense of Town Officers.

CLERK AND REGISTRAR.		
C. E. Scott,	$ 88.70	
SELECTMEN.		
Nelson Randall,	203.89	
M. W. Bardwell,	75.45	
Geo. E. Sanford,	83.25	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.		
M. A. Morse,	100.00	
John Anderson,	85.00	
Mrs. M. D. S. Longley,	75.00	
ASSESSORS.		
Guy C. Allen,	65.00	
H. C. West,	60.00	
Frank Alden,	60.00	
TREASURER.		
Arthur Bridgman,	100.00	
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.		
A. D. Randall,	35.00	
Registrars,	10.50	
Election officers,	30.50	
Cattle inspector,	32.50	
Auditor,	3.00	
		$1,107.79

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

VITAL STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January,	5	April,	4	July,	4	October,	4
February,	0	May,	6	August,	7	November,	4
March,	4	June,	2	September,	4	December,	5

Males, 21; Females, 28; Total, 49.

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions recorded,		19
Number of marriages recorded,		22
First marriage,	Males, 20; Females,	20
Second marriage,	Males, 2; Females,	2
Youngest male married,		21
Youngest female married,		19
Oldest male married,		77
Oldest female married,		72

DEATHS.

January,	5	April,	5	July,	4	October,	5
February,	2	May,	6	August,	4	November,	5
March,	4	June,	3	September,	1	December,	0

Males, 20; Females, 24; Total, 44.

Native born, 34; Foreign born, 10.

DISEASES OR CAUSES OF DEATH.

Typhoid fever, 1	Cancer, 2	Disease incidental
Heart disease, 10	Lung disease, 10	to old age, 3
	Other causes, 18	

Number of town meetings during the year,		4
Mortgages recorded during the year 1897,		15
Married woman's certificates,		1
Assignment of wages,		1
Attachments recorded,		1
Notice of foreclosure,		1
Bills of sale,		5
Dogs licensed:		
Whole number,	173	
Males, 161 at $2 each,	$322.00	
Females, 12 at $5 each,	60.00	
	$382.00	

Paid the above amount (less fees) to County Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SCOTT, *Town Clerk.*

Jury List.

Edward R. Peeso,
John W. Jackson,
Geo. W. Canterbury,
Edgar S. Lane,
Merrill E. Williams,
Irving Mills,
William Landers,
Frank Alden,
Edward A. Randall,
Michael F. Austin,
Frank E. Bridgman,
H. F. Curtis,
A. W. Morse,
Willard Belding,
Michael P. Bowler,
G. H. B. Green,
Henry Lincoln,
Geo. E. Sanford,
A. L. Pratt,
Herbert F. Shaw,
F. L. Stebbins,
Alfred H. Hubbard,
A. H. Bartlett,
Arthur Bridgman,
Guy Allen, Jr.,
Myron Ward,
Fred M. Fuller,
Jason Hurlburt,
Dwight Shumway,
M. W. Bardwell,
Edward Gay,
Frank Austin,
Eugene Randall,
Peter Hannifin,
Joseph Geer.

Report of School Committee.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1897,	$1,462.98	
Due tuition from Ludlow,	40.00	
Appropriation (1897–98),	4,500.00	
Received from state school fund,	441.70	
" for state wards,	476.00	
" Calvin Bridgman fund,	257.70	
		$7,178.38

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages from treasury,	$5,030.79	
" " " Calvin Bridgman fund,	234.21	
Paid for fuel,	317.03	
Paid janitors,	121.00	
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1898,	1,475.35	
		$7,178.38

School Account.

WAGES OF TEACHERS IN DETAIL.

High School,	C. A. Guild,	36	w'ks at	22.22\frac{2}{9}$	$800.00
"	Annie Whelan,	36	"	10.00	360.00
Center Grammar,	Ida L. Shaw,	32	"	10.00	320.00
Center Primary,	Louisa E. Allen,	32	"	10.00	320.00
South Center,	Olive A. Goodwin,	11	"	6.00	66.00
"	Edith L. Towne,	21	"	6 50	136.50
Mill Valley,	Nellie J. Landers,	11	"	7.00	77.00
"	Lizzie E. Bartlett,	$20\frac{1}{5}$	"	6.00	121.20
Cold Spring,	Lena Hutchinson,	11	"	6.00	66.00
"	Nellie J. Landers,	21	"	7.50	157.50
Franklin Grammar,	Josie V. Sullivan,	11	"	8.00	88.00
"	"	21	"	7.50	157.50
Franklin Primary,	Mabel E. Ryther,	32	"	7.00	224.00
Liberty,	Luella P. Hawkes,	32	"	6.00	192.00
Washington,	Orson B. Lane,	11	"	5.50	60.50
"	"	$16\frac{4}{5}$	"	6.00	100.80
"	Ada L. Harwood,	4	"	6.00	24.00
Chestnut Hill,	Etta B. Gold,	22	"	8.00	176.00
"	J. B. Knight,	10	"	8.00	80.00
Rock Rimmon,	Bertha Davis,	11	"	5.00	55.00
"	"	11	"	5.50	60.50
"	"	10	"	6.00	60.00
Holyoke,	Julia B. Smith,	32	"	6.50	208.00
Federal,	L. C. Gutberlett,	32	"	6.50	208.00
Lake Vale,	Edith L. Towne,	11	"	6.50	71.50
"	Grace A. Fisher,	21	"	6.00	126.00
Union,	Arthur E. Pease,	32	"	7.50	240.00

West Hill,	L. S. Clay,	12	w'ks at	$6.00	$ 72.00
"	Ada L. Harwood,	16	"	5.50	88.00
East Hill,	Ada L. Harwood,	12	"	5.00	60.00
"	Nellie L. Sullivan,	20	"	5.00	100.00
Laurel,	Edith I. Hobson,	11	"	6.00	66.00
"	Rose M. Olds,	21	"	6.50	136.50
Blue Meadow,	Alice Smith,	11	"	5.00	55.00
"	Alice Gold,	21	"	5.50	115.50

Total cost of teaching,	$5,249.00
Approved bill of 1897, drawn in 1898,	16.00
	$5,265.00
Less amount paid from Calvin Bridgman fund,	234.21
Cost of teaching to the town,	$5,030.79

FUEL.

Paid M. W. Bardwell,	$15.00
John Staedler,	22.50
M. W. Thayer,	10.00
A. A. Randolph,	13.00
E. E. Meade,	13.00
G. R. Dickinson,	14.12
E. M. Wheeler,	2.50
Michael Shea,	30.00
Timothy Garvey,	11.00
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan,	21.88
Maurice Moriarty,	15.75
C. H. Ross,	1.25
G. H. B. Greene,	61.00
Joseph Le Grand,	2.00
George Fisher,	10.00
W. F. Fillmore,	5.00
E. B. Sanford,	16.25
Melvin Bardwell,	15.00
E. R. Blackmer,	15.78

Paid Albert Flurey,	$15.00	
M. A. Morse,	4.00	
F. L. Stebbins,	2.75	
Dwight Bartlett,	.25	
Total charged for fuel,		$317.03
Janitors' services,		121.00
Total paid to school account,	$5,468.82	
Calvin Bridgman fund,	234.21	
Teacher's wages, fuel and janitors' services,		$5,703.03

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation (as per town record),	$300.00	
Expended in excess of appropriation,	151.36	
		$451.36

EXPENDITURES.

Paid R. J. Kimball,	$ 5.00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	22.08	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	129.39	
J. L. Hammet,	23.39	
H. Rude,	1.93	
Ginn & Co.,	2.50	
J. P. Lippincott,	5.00	
American Book Company,	17.22	
William Ware & Co.,	4.80	
A. H. Bartlett,	35.78	
Rand, McNally & Co.,	153.40	
D. C. Heath,	8.90	
Educational Pub. Company,	.60	
Express and freight charges for books and supplies,	19.05	
H. A. Hopkins,	4.40	
E. S. Bridgman & Co.,	5.72	
E. C. Howard, for printing,	3.50	
Anna E. Hill, engraving diplomas,	8.70	
		$451.36

REPAIRS.

Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1897, $268.80

EXPENDITURES.

J. L. Hammitt, slating for blackboards,	$58.50
A. B. Shaw, for material and labor in placing same,	19 00
B. L. Thresher, repairing stoves,	7.30
B. L. Thresher, repairing pump,	3.45
B. L. Thresher, repairing high school bell tower,	11.54
William Bell, one table,	1.75
F. L. Stebbins, lumber,	6.88
E. S. Lane, Chestnut Hill,	2.00
Nelson Randall, grading high school grounds,	5.00
M. A. Morse, several schoolhouses,	1.55
William Bell, Rock Rimmon,	1.00
F. L. Lincoln, repairing clock,	1.00
D. H. Hazen,	1.42
George E. Sanford, 1 bbl. salt,	1.25
C. A. Guild, one sprinkler,	.50
Incidental repairs at Washington and zinc for stove,	3.65
Michael Fitzgerald, Cold Spring,	2.20
George W. Canterbury, Franklin,	5.75
R. C. Chapin, one table for Blue Meadow,	2.75
E. C. Chapin, Cold Spring,	1.50
Louis Germain, cupboard for Laurel,	4.35
Repairing stove at Franklin,	.50
Sundry repairs at Cold Spring and Mill Valley,	1.50
Arthur E. Pease, digging and walling spring at Union,	1.00
Oliver Shannon, labor and material for vaults, Lake Vale,	32.00
Oliver Shannon, labor and material for high school bell tower,	11.59
E. E. Meade, shingling at West Hill,	11.18
E. S. Sabin & Son, 6,500 shingles, West Hill,	14.60

W. E. Bridgman, nails,	$ .56	
G. R. Dickinson, repairs at Lake Vale,	.25	
Aaron Cook, plastering at Washington,	14.05	
Cleaning vaults,	9.03	
General repairs at Union,	4.50	
		$243.10
Unexpended balance,		25.70
		$268.80
Paid President M. E. Gates for lecture,	$25.00	

SALARY OF COMMITTEE.

M. A. Morse,	$100.00	
John Anderson,	85.00	
M. S. Longley,	75.00	
		$260.00

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance Feb. 15, 1897,	$100.00
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1898,	100.00

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled,	539
" " between 5 and 15,	488
" " between 8 and 14,	312
" " under 5,	9
" " over 15,	42
Perfect in attendance one year,	18
" " two terms,	45
" " one term,	77
Average wages of high school teacher per month,	$88.88⅞
" " assistant high school teacher per month,	40.00
" " male teachers in common school,	28.15
" " female " " "	27.06

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools,	$4,600.00
" books and supplies,	400.00
" repairs on Laurel schoolhouse,	350.00
" general repairs,	250.00
" transportation of pupils,	100.00

M. A. MORSE,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. S. LONGLEY,
} *Committee.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number.	No. enrolled.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 8 and 14.	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.
High	84	59	0	35	24	12	57	55	64	62	63	59
Center Grammar	43	37	0	0	37	34	34	32	34	32	37	35
Center Primary	50	50	1	0	49	15	40	37	36	34	38	34
Center South	24	24	1	0	23	14	18	16	21	19	22	19
Mill Valley	18	18	1	0	17	12	16	15	8	7	9	8
Cold Spring	27	27	1	2	24	16	25	24	24	23	24	23
Franklin Grammar	26	26	0	0	26	26	19	18	18	16	17	15
Franklin Primary	40	39	1	0	38	14	31	29	28	25	21	18
Liberty	16	16	0	0	16	7	15	14	14	13	13	12
Washington	28	28	0	0	28	18	21	19	18	17	17	12
Chestnut Hill	27	27	1	3	23	16	23	22	23	20	23	21
Rock Rimmon	17	17	0	0	17	11	12	11	14	13	11	10
Holyoke	27	27	2	0	25	16	26	23	20	18	16	13
Federal	19	19	0	0	19	13	16	15	14	13	13	12
Lake Vale	16	16	0	1	15	12	15	14	15	14	14	13
Union	33	33	0	0	33	24	22	21	25	23	24	21
West Hill	18	18	0	0	18	14	17	14	13	10	9	6
Laurel	29	29	1	0	28	18	25	24	23	21	19	17
East Hill	11	11	0	1	10	8	11	10	10	9	9	8
Blue Meadow	19	18	0	0	18	12	12	12	14	14	18	17
	572	539	9	42	488	312						

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE TERMS.

Marcella Carmody,
Herbert LeGro,
Freddie Randolph,
Abbie Sullivan,
Johnnie Sullivan,
Minnie Moriarty,
Maggie Moriarty,
Raymond Gould,
Harry Gould,
Mason Sanford,
Almon Damon,
Lewis Blackmer,
Stanley Bridgman,
Leon Aldrich,
Fred Rogers,
Wilbur Rogers,
Eddie Rogers,
Mabel Geer.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

William Moriarty,
Frank Moriarty,
Katie Moriarty,
Nellie Moriarty,
Mary Garvey,
Willie Sullivan,
Clarence Randall,
Favill Randolph,
Arthur Randall,
Harry Austin,
Willie LeGro,
Bruno Dietz,
Lucy Randolph,
Bessie Randolph,
Vienna Bridgman,
Agnes Thayer,
Freddie Wright,
John LeGrand,
Joseph Drohan,
Clinton Hamilton,
Roland Shaw,
Grover Snow,
George Morency,
Florence Woods,
Irene Jackson,
Margaret Stevenson,
Fred Sanford,
Caroline P. Holland,
Harry P. Jackson,
Luther Holland,
John P. Searle,
Cyril Courtland,

Donald Bridgman,
Anna Clark,
Flora Cooley,
Lula Cooley,
Henry Cooley,
May Davis,
Ruth Davis,
George Davis,
Clara Pierce,
Clifton Hamilton,
Nora Fenton,
Lucy Geer,
Willie Hill.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

John Collins,
Ethel Piper,
Charlie Hasson,
George Cotthaus,
John Fay,
Cora Juckett,
Charlie Kimball,
Cora Corey,
Amy Pratt,
Fannie Thayer,
George Thayer,
Richard Wiggin,
John Plunkett,
May Koch,
Henry Koch,
Michael Fitzgerald,
Richard French,
Nellie O'Connor,
Daisy Canterbury,
Patrick Kennedy,
Patsy Shea,
Johnnie Sullivan,
Johnnie Kennedy,
Mary Kennedy,
Joseph Foley,
Julia O'Connor,
Gertrude Moriarty,
Edward Bartlett,
Maurice Moriarty,
Raymond Austin,
Charles Austin,
James Fitzgerald,
Bridget Fitzgerald,
Ethel Spencer,
Emma Clifford,
John Long,
Dudley Walker,
Phillip Sanford,
Charles Dyer,
Joseph Murphy,
Louis Guild,
Edna Williams,
Earle Williams,
Henry LeGrand,
William Prosser,
Michael Prosser,
Thomas LeGrand,
Louis Shumway,
Alice M. Guild,
Walter Damon,
Viola Jepson,
Peter Morency,
Stella Main,
George Goodwin,
Maude Dorman,
Minnie McKillop,
Maggie McKillop,
Michael McKillop,

Frank Sullivan,
Theresa Granfield,
Michael Garvey,
Walter Armitage,
Albert Turner,
Albert Moaitt,
Mamie Carmody,
Flora Lombard,
Daisy Rhodes,
Frank Randolph,
Katie Sheldon,
Olive Davis,
Ray Clark,
Ethel Potter,
Herbert Peeso,
Albert Flurey,
Henry Dillon,
Katie Manning,
Ira Damon.

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Assessors' Report.

Value of assessed real estate, May 1st, 1898,	$740,200.00	
Value of assessed personal estate,	124,725.00	
		$864.925.00
Rate of taxation, $16.00 per Thousand.		
Tax on real estate including overlayings,	$11,843.20	
Tax on personal estate,	1,995.60	
558 polls,	1,116.00	
		$14,954.80

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS:

To town, school and other expenses,	$12,440.00	
State tax,	510.00	
County tax,	1,809.99	
Overlayings,	194.81	
		$14,954.80

Residents assessed on property,	490
Non-residents,	163
Persons paying poll tax only,	185
Number of acres of land taxed,	33,000
Horses,	564
Cows,	1,480
Neat cattle other than cows,	375
Sheep,	33
Swine,	199
Fowls,	1,660
Dwelling houses,	494

Added assessments, $48.00.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY C. ALLEN,
H. C. WEST,
A. C. SMITH,
Assessors of Belchertown.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

1898.			
Feb.	17	Balance due on settlement,	$ 775.90
	17	Wm. Snow, Note,	50.00
	17	Cash of Guy C. Allen, concrete walk,	14.29
	19	" "	126.25
	23	Nelson Randall, board Mrs. A. A. Piper,	25.00
March	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	71.73
	4	Guy C. Allen,	86.50
	10	" "	157.00
	11	Mrs. Baxter Cook,	17.00
	17	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	147.50
	19	Town of Granby, supplies for H. I. Lynds,	5.27
	19	Guy C. Allen,	116.75
April	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	54.03
	5	C. B. Southwick, for tile,	1.08
	7	Guy C. Allen,	101.50
	16	G. B. Demarest, peddler's license,	8.00
	19	A. E. Warner, " "	8.00
	21	John Stadler, butcher "	1.00
	26	Guy C. Allen,	106.25
	26	" " 1896 tax,	51.75
	30	" "	85.75
May	2	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	62.25
	2	Michael F. Sullivan, liquor license,	1700.00
	2	L. W. Dillon, " "	800.00
	2	C. H. Snow, " "	1.00

May	6	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	$ 42.25
	6	Guy C. Allen,	60.25
	6	" " 1896 tax,	63.75
	6	Henry Jepson, butcher license,	1.00
	16	Guy C. Allen,	73.25
	16	" " concrete walk,	15.00
	26	" "	90.00
June	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	50.96
	7	State Treasurer, support of state paupers,	23.10
	7	State Treasurer, burial of state paupers,	5.00
	7	" " Ins. of animals,	32.50
	8	Amherst Bank, 4 months,	2,000.00
	9	Circus license,	5.00
	9	Ball game license,	2.00
	15	W. E. Bridgman, rent of Town Hall,	5.00
	15	Thomas LaCroix, sewer connection,	15.00
	17	H. H. Chilson, fines from District Court,	38.00
	17	Guy C. Allen,	180.75
	17	" " 1896 tax,	7.00
	22	Nelson Randall, board Mrs. Piper,	25.00
July	1	Israel Mickelman, peddler's license,	8.00
	1	Nelson Randall, for tile,	3.08
	2	C. Clark, executor of will of Mrs. Eliza S. Longley,	100.00
	7	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	59.96
	13	Samuel Allen,	15.75
	30	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	62.41
Aug.	5	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	15	Guy C. Allen,	277.00
	22	Valentine show license,	3.00
	24	Education of state children,	727.50
	26	Guy C. Allen,	121.50
Sept.	2	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	43.70
	10	Thomas Dunlary,	5.00
	14	Lizzie A. Town, for creamery,	10.00

Oct.	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	$ 60.41
	5	George Alexander, butcher license,	1.00
	6	Guy C. Allen,	128.75
	7	M. S. Barton,	629.02
	8	Amherst Bank, 1 month,	1,000.00
	12	M. A. Morse,	2.10
	19	M. S. Barton,	687.15
	24	Guy C. Allen,	113.00
	27	M. S. Barton,	505.86
	28	Nelson Randall, board, Mrs. A. A. Piper,	25.00
	31	M. S. Barton, for tile,	1.44
Nov.	3	" "	314.73
	3	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.	55.34
	4	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	7	M. S. Barton,	230.95
	7	W. E. Bridgman,	1.00
	8	M. S. Barton,	356.34
	14	" "	174.64
	17	Amherst Bank, 2 months,	1,000.00
	17	M. S. Barton,	105.55
	17	" "	520.55
	23	Town of Prescott,	10.50
	23	Guy C. Allen,	154.00
	23	City of Springfield,	11.45
	26	M. S. Barton,	332.79
	29	Amherst Bank, 2 months,	2,000.00
	23	M. S. Barton,	480.06
	29	Amherst Bank, 2 months,	2,000.00
Dec.	1	M. S. Barton,	647.56
	1	Guy C. Allen, 1897 tax,	66.75
	1	" " 1896 "	7.00
	1	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.	71.12
	7	M. S. Barton,	546.43
	7	" " concrete walk,	96.79
	10	" " " "	7.00
	10	" "	385.17
	10	Corporation tax,	255.63

Dec.	10	National Bank tax,	$ 498.16
	10	Military Aid,	176.00
	10	State Aid,	1,139.00
	10	Burial of Indigent soldiers and sailors,	63.50
	17	M. S. Barton,	849 48
	21	" "	490.98
	21	" " concrete walk,	12 00
	24	" "	400.56
	24	Guy C. Allen, 1897 tax,	174.00
	24	" " 1896 "	15.00
	29	M. S. Barton,	367.52
	30	Nelson Randall, board, Mrs. A. A. Piper,	25.00
	31	M. S. Barton,	711.66
	31	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	55.12
	1899.		
Jan.	2	Town of Enfield,	19.97
	3	J. E. Clark, fine of H. C. Glazier,	5.00
	3	Nelson Randall,	1.65
	3	M. S. Barton,	764.98
	5	County treasurer, dog fund,	248.70
	7	Wm. Snow, to apply on note,	28.00
	7	M. S. Barton,	476.12
	9	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	5.00
	9	" " 1897 "	61.75
	10	M. S. Barton,	423.18
	10	" "	492.81
	18	" "	3.71
	20	State treasurer, abolition of grade crossing,	59.00
	26	State treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	394.44
	26	M. S. Barton,	176.08
	27	Guy C. Allen, 1896, concrete walk tax,	15.45
	27	" " 1896 tax,	12.50
	27	" " 1897 "	68.50
	30	B. & M. R. R. abolition of grade crossing,	76.70
	30	James Peeso,	3.00

Jan.	30	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	$ 61.67
	31	H. H. Chilson, fines from District Court,	69.00
Feb.	1	M. S. Barton,	149.09
	4	John F. Hayes, sewer connection,	17.00
	4	M. S. Barton,	179.23
	6	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	10	Guy C. Allen, concrete walk tax,	2.00
	10	" " 1896 tax,	25.00
	10	" " 1897 "	34.00
	11	M. S. Barton,	190.94
	13	M. A. Morse,	.35
	14	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	16.00
	14	" " 1897 "	50.00
	15	M. S. Barton,	87.48
	15	E. A. Farrington, driving hearse,	65.00
	15	" "	17.01
	15	D. P. Clapp, for concrete walk at South Center,	10.00
	15	M. S. Barton, for concrete walk at South Center.	2.00
	15	Samuel Allen,	3.49
	16	M. S. Barton,	26.00
	16	James Peeso,	1.50
			$31,178.62

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1898.			
Feb.	17	Wm. Snow's note,	$ 50.00
May	5	Cash paid State Treasurer, acct. liquor license,	625.25
June	8	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	30.00
July	1	Check Stamps,	1.00
	30	W. E. Bridgman, insurance High School,	50.00
Sept.	29	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	13.50
	30	Edwin H. Banister, county tax,	1,809.99
Oct.	8	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	8	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	3.33
Nov.	7	Note at Amherst Bank,	1,000.00

Nov.	17	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	$ 6.67
	29	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	29	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	13.34
Dec.	2	T. A. Orcutt, services in District Court, Grise case,	25.98
	2	G. S. Buckner, services in District Court, Key case,	36.35
	10	State tax,	510.00
	10	Grade crossing tax,	713.71
	10	Interest grade crossing tax,	28.54
	1899.		
Jan.	4	Note at Amherst Bank,	1,000.00
	26	" " "	2,000.00
Feb.	1	J. W. Flint, services in District Court, 4 cases,	40.77
	1	W. O. Burnett, services in District Court, 1 case,	6.90
	1	James Anderson, services in District Court, 1 case,	6.52
	1	L. W. Dillon, services in District Court, 1 case,	10.68
	1	A. J. Davis, services in District Court, 1 case,	10.60
	1	C. E. Shumway, services in District Court, 3 cases,	30.05
	1	F. R. Wright, services in District Court, 1 case,	5.06
	1	Maurice Fitzgerald, services in District Court, 3 cases,	28.84
	1	F. W. Brockway, services in District Court, 3 cases,	6.63
	1	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 13 cases,	98.87
	3	D. H. Tillson, services in District Court, 19 cases,	114.27
	17	Town orders del. Selectmen,	16,864.29
Services as treasurer,			100.00
Cash on hand,			1,937.48
			$31,178.62

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1899.

PAUPER INDOOR ACCOUNT.

1898.			
March	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed for Town Farm,	$ 72.24
April	1	E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100.00
	1	W. L. Sanford, supplies at Almshouse,	14.19
	1	J. D. Potter & Co., lumber for floors at Almshouse,	29.04
May	2	E. A. Farrington, I. Barnard, work at Almshouse,	10.00
	2	Meekins, Packard & Wheat, two rockers for Almshouse,	4.00
	2	T. D. Potter & Co., flooring and other material,	16.17
	2	C. H. Ross, shingles and planing boards,	2.71
	2	N. Randall, farming tools for Town Farm,	13.00
June	1	D. P. Spencer, cementing Creamery floor,	1.50
	1	F. W. Fellows, light harness,	15.00
	1	B. L. Thrasher, labor, Town Farm,	3.25
	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed, Town Farm,	98.46

June	1	J. W. Jackson, Almshouse supplies,	$ 11.33
	1	C. E. Scott, Almshouse supplies,	9.38
July	1	D. L. Hazen, Almshouse supplies,	19.06
	1	E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100.00
	1	W. L. Sanford, Almshouse supplies,	19.70
	1	G. B. Demorest, Almshouse supplies,	4.40
Aug.	1	Israel Barnard, work, Town Farm,	30.00
	1	Nelson Randall, creamery, Town Farm,	25.00
	1	W. F. Carter, work for Town Farm,	2.10
Sept.	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies at Town Farm,	10.32
	1	W. D. Dunbar, supplies at Town Farm,	23.10
	1	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance,	33.75
	1	G. B. Demorest, supplies at Town Farm,	3.84
Oct.	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies at Town Farm,	17.58
	1	W. L. Sanford, supplies at Town Farm,	12.66
	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies at Town Farm,	4.69
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies at Town Farm,	60.77
	1	E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100.00
	1	Myron Ward, fertilizer for Town Farm,	14.45
Nov.	1	E. C. Witt, six pigs, for Town Farm,	15.00
	1	Grace Hamilton, work, Town Farm,	24.00

Nov.	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed, Town Farm,	$ 162.02
	1	D. L. Hazen, supplies for Town Farm,	19.94
	1	Arthur Mellen, digging grave for L. C.,	3.50
	1	Dr. C. B. King, medicine,	6.25
Dec.	1	G. B Demorest, supplies for Almshouse,	2.51
	1	Charles H. Snow, supplies for Almshouse,	3.80
	1	H. R. Gould, supplies for Almshouse,	1.87
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies for Almshouse,	8.92
	1	W. L. Sanford, supplies for Almshouse,	12.02
	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies for Almshouse,	4.32
	1	G. B. Demorest, supplies for Almshouse,	3.78
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies for Almshouse,	11.95
	1	A. E. Warner, supplies for Almshouse,	6.66
	1	L. A. Smith, coffin and robe, L. Chamberlain,	18.00
	1	F. W. Fellows, one pair street blankets,	7.00
1899.			
Jan.	1	E. A. Farrington, services as warden,	100.00
	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed, Town Farm,	73.05
Feb.	1	G. B. Demorest, supplies at Almshouse,	5.42
	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies at Almshouse,	11.90
	1	D. L. Hazen, supplies at Almshouse,	15.41

Feb.	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies at Almshouse,	$ 8.66	
	1	W. L. Sanford, supplies at Almshouse,	15.39	
	13	C. E. Scott, supplies at Almshouse,	5.25	
	13	H. A. Hopkins, supplies at Almshouse,	28.32	
	13	H. F. Curtis, blacksmithing, Town Farm,	13.27	
	15	C. B. King, medical attendance,	37.50	
	15	" " medicine for Benj. Billings,	20.00	
	15	C. E. Davis, work at Almshouse,	11.05	
	15	A. B. Howard, butter for Almshouse,	44.80	
	15	E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies at Almshouse,	94.05	
	15	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies at Almshouse,	18.90	
				$1,697.20
Less amount received for cream,			$730.17	
Cash paid treasurer by warden,			82.01	
Cash paid treasurer for Mrs. Piper's board,			100.00	
Gain in personal property,			66.77	
Due from estate of Samuel Ward,			38.00	
				$1,016.95
Actual expense of paupers at Almshouse,				$680.25

Average number of paupers for year, 7 5-6.
Number of tramps put up for the night, 227.

PAUPER OUTDOOR ACCOUNT.

1898.				
March	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50	
April	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50	

April	1	Lewis F. Babbitt, treasurer, care of insane,	$ 125.37
	1	Richard Johnson, clothing, Thos. O'Brian,	22.75
May	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
June	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
Aug.	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
	1	Lewis F. Babbitt, treasurer, care of insane,	126.75
Sept.	1	Town of Amherst, trustee for Michael Welch,	5.00
	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support three children,	12.50
	1	Mrs. Mary Gibbs, medicine,	1.50
Oct.	1	City of Springfield, care of Henry and Viola Wright,	1.20
	1	Lewis F. Babbitt, care of insane, Northampton,	128.13
	1	Chas. E. Wheeler, care of Gibbs' child,	13.97
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies furnished,	14.58
	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50
Nov.	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50
	1	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance to poor,	37.50
	1	Dr. C. B. King, medicine for poor,	1.50
Dec.	1	C. H. Snow, for poor,	1.65
	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50
1899.			
Jan.	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50
	1	Lewis F. Babbitt, treasurer, care of insane,	128.13

Jan.	1	Town of Leverett, aid for Pearl Munsel and family,	$ 32.07	
Feb.	1	D. L. Hazen, supplies for Emmet Marsh,	.53	
	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support theree children,	12.50	
	1	Town of Pelham, supplies for K. C. Haynes,	1.27	
July	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50	
Feb.	15	Mrs. Henry Lynes, supplies from E. S. B. & Co.,	2.00	
	15	E. S. Bridgman & Co., boots, Emmet Marsh,	2.75	
	15	Town of Palmer, supplies for Jas. Mansfield,	6.45	
	15	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies furnished Emmet Marsh,	7.99	
				$811.09
Less amount received from Town of Prescott,			$ 10.50	
Less amount received from Town of Enfield,			19.97	
Lesss amount received for Nellie Russell support,			$169.47	
Due from Town of Prescott,			3.50	
Due from Town of Leverett,			25.17	
Due from Town of Granby,			2.00	
				$230.61
				$580 48

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY.

REAL ESTATE OF THE TOWN.

Town farm and buildings,	$6,000.00	
Two wood lots,	1,000.00	
Abbey pasture, 104 acres,	500.00	
		$7,500.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.		
Household furniture,	$832.00	
Wood on hand,	225.00	
Provisions, including potatoes, turnips, apples, meat, etc.,	200.00	
		$1,257.00
Farming tools, wagons, sleds, and tools of every kind used on the farm,	$700.00	
Corn and other grain feed,	28.65	
		$728.65
Hay, 32 tons nice hay,	$300.00	
One stack of meadow,	15.00	
		$315.00
STOCK.		
Two horses,	$275.00	
15 cows,	720.00	
3 cows and 3 two-years-old,	210.00	
1 bull,	25.00	
2 heifers,	45.00	
2 calves,	17.00	
		$1,292.00
SWINE.		
5 hogs and 1 breeding sow,	$75.00	
FOWLS.		
30 hens,	17.00	
And a lot of lumber,	15.00	
About 100 tons of ice,	60.00	
Hearse and sleigh,	350.00	
		$517.00
		$11,609.65
Gain from last year of		66.77
Total,		$11,676.42

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
EUGENE RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
Overseers of Poor.

Report of Selectmen.

For the Year ending Feb. 15, 1899.

TOWN ACCOUNT.

March	1	Oliver Shannon, services as registrar,	$ 8.00
	1	A. B. Shaw, part of 1897 and 1898 services as registrar,	11.00
	1	C. H. Lathrop, legal services, water damage,	25.00
	1	M. W. Bardwell, services as selectman, last year,	9.50
April	1	Arthur Shaw, cutting ties,	7.00
	1	C. B. Fiske & Co., printing reports and ballots,	45.96
	1	A. D. Randall, balance due as superintendent of streets last year,	10.00
	1	Samuel Allen, services as moderator,	3.50
	1	Miss C. E. King, guild for lighting streets,	25.00
	1	F. H. Bridgman, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	M. A. Dickinson, services as election officer, two meetings,	3.00
May	2	F. B. Purdy, services as election officer,	1.50
	2	A. C. Shaw, " " "	1.50
	2	F. F. Dewey, " " "	1.50
	2	Roswell Allen, " " "	1.50
	2	H. F. Shaw, " " "	1.50
Oct.	2	E. A. Randall, " " "	1.50
July	2	Michael Austin, " " "	1.50
June	1	Oliver Shannon, labor Town Farm,	50.40
	1	Steven Sullivan, building new road,	110.00
	1	" " putting up railing, new road,	4.00
	1	Geo. E. Sanford, services as selectman,	10.00

June	1	M. A. Warren & Co., license blanks,	$ 2.10
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, cash paid sewer drain,	12.57
	1	F. D. Walker, 36 feet of six-inch tile,	3.24
	1	Henry R. Johnson, assessors' field books,	3.35
July	1	John Smith, work high school drain,	4.05
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, sundry bills,	11.15
	1	Miss C. E. King, guild lighting streets,	25.00
Aug.	1	H. F. Shaw, labor and material town pump,	5.18
	1	A. H. Mellen, cleaning grave stones,	6.00
Sept.	1	R. S. Kenfield, care of Town Hall,	2.00
Oct.	1	Miss C. E. King, guild lighting streets,	25.00
	1	Nelson Randall, labor on highway and sidewalk,	14.85
	1	Nelson Randall, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	44.25
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, services as selectman and overseer of the poor, and work on sidewalk,	50.00
Oct.	1	Arthur Mellen, care of lots in cemetery,	8.00
	1	Wilbur F. White, ringing bell and care of town clock, 8 months and 20 days,	33.00
Nov.	1	Merrick Whitemore, setting guide post,	.25
	1	Samuel Allen, survey for town road,	1.50
	1	Wm. O. Burnett, services as police officer,	4.00
	1	E. R. Bridgman, administering oaths,	1.00
	1	Arthur Mellen, mowing lots in cemetery,	1.00
Dec.	1	F. A. Prouty, ringing bell and care of town clock,	4.00
	1	F. B. Purdy, teller fall election,	1.50
	1	A. E. Dodge, repairs on snow plow,	1.40
	1	Thomas Cady, damage to horse on highway,	20.00
	1	Dickinson & Bro., abatement on taxes,	9.60
	1	James Ferril, " " "	1.60
	1	R. K. Shumway " " "	1.60
	1	Mrs. Theodore Gold, " " "	8.00
	1	W. W. Scarborough,	16.00
	1	David R. Ward, damage for defective highway,	15.00
	20	John Anderson, services as school committee,	50.00
	20	M. A. Morse, " " " "	50.00

Dec.	20	Mrs. M. D. S. Longley, services as school committee,	$ 35.00
	20	John P. Searls, ringing bell and care town clock,	2.10
Dec.	1	F. A. Prouty, ringing bell and care town clock,	4.00
	1	Chas. R. Kaplinger, one town order book,	5.50
	1	Miss Mary E. King, lighting street lamps,	25.00
	1	M. W. Bardwell, services as selectman,	1.00
	1	R. K. Shumway, " " registrar,	11.00
	1	H. A. Smith, M. D., registering births,	3.00
	1	Kate Foley, abatement on 1898 tax,	1.60
	1	A. D. Moore, abatement on 1897 tax,	2.94
	1	E. S. Bridgman, abatement on 1898 tax,	1.60
	1	Geo. E. Sanford, services as selectman,	30.00
	1	Guy C. Allen, " " assessor,	75.00
	1	H. C. West, " " "	70.00
	1	Asa C. Smith " " "	70.00
	1	L. W. Dillon, " " constable,	23.50
	1	M. A. Morse, " " school committee,	35.00
Feb.	1	F. A. Prouty, ringing bell and care of clock,	4.00
	1	David R. Ward, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	F. F. Dewey, " " "	1.50
	1	H. F. Shaw, " " "	1.50
	1	L. A. Smith, returning deaths,	5.25
	1	Patrick Cody, abatement on taxes,	1.60
	1	Wm. H. Clapp, services as auditor, Leach's crossing,	5.08
	13	C. E. Scott, services as town clerk, registrar and returning births, deaths and marriages,	100.52
	13	Palmer Journal, printing 25 registrars notices,	1.50
	13	Mrs. M. D. S. Longley, services as school committee,	40.00
	15	M. A. Morse, services as school committee,	5.00
	15	John Anderson, " " "	40.00
	15	M. S. Barton, services as constable, etc.,	16.35
	15	Myron G. Ward, services as ballot clerk,	1.50
	15	E. A. Farrington, driving hearse,	58.00
	15	C. E. Davis, guide boards and posts, and setting same,	69.15

Feb.	15	Arthur Bridgman, car far, postage, etc.,	$ 15.67
	15	E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies for Town Hall,	1.15
	15	Roswell Allen, services as election officer,	1.50
	15	E. R. Bridgman, administering oath to selectmen,	.25
	15	C. N. Clark, legal services in Leach crossing case,	25.00
	15	Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,	248.70
	15	James A. Peeso, services as election officer,	1.50
	15	A. D. Randall, services burial ground committee,	4.00
	15	Nelson Randall, balance services as selectman, overseer of poor, board of health, car fare, postage, etc.,	55.48
	15	Wm. E. Bridgman, balance services as selectman, overseer of poor, board of health, use of team, car fare, postage, etc.,	96.88
	15	Geo. E. Sanford, balance services as selectman, overseer of poor, car fare, etc.,	27.00
	15	Oliver Shannon, services as registrar,	9.00
	15	A. B. Shaw, services as registrar,	7.00
			$2,012.37

If we deduct from this amount the dog fund paid to the Library, and the $100 appropriated for lighting the streets, also $100 for repairs at the almshouse, and the amount appropriated for the town road near Wm. Cleary's house, it leaves the town account, $1,449.67

The amount deducted is $562.70

Now taking the actual cost for town paupers at Almshouse,	$680.25	
And the actual cost of paupers out of Almshouse,	580.48	
		$1,260.73
Town,		1,449.67
Total amount of town and pauper expense is		$2,710.40

Amount of appropriation,	$3,600.00	
Balance unexpended,		$889.60
Paid bills approved by the school committee on school account,		$5,482.55
And on bills for repairs, furnishings and supplies,		1,192.45

For particulars see school committee report.

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
} *Selectmen of Belchertown, and Overseers of the Poor.*

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

1898.			
April	1	A. D. Randall, snow bills,	$ 96.16
	1	M. S. Barton, "	3.15
	1	Samuel Allen, superintendent streets,	22.50
May	1	" " " "	145.91
June	1	" " " "	20.00
	1	" " " "	259.60
	1	J. V. Thomson, housing road scraper,	1.50
July	1	F. G. Shaw, labor on highway,	18.05
	1	Clarence Shaw, labor on highway,	5.25
	1	L. D. Fosket, " "	15.75
	1	Olds & Bros., " "	44.20
	1	Samuel Allen, superintendent streets,	252.31
Aug.	1	Henry Paine, labor,	10.00
Sept.	1	E. B. Sanford, labor,	2.75
	1	Samuel Allen, superintendent streets,	227.29
Oct.	1	" " " "	268.64
Dec.	1	" " " "	355.81
	20	" " " "	248.61
	20	" " " "	57.23
	20	F. G. Shaw, breaking roads,	4.60
1899.			
Jan.	1	D. F. Shumway, breaking road,	6.57
	1	Samuel Allen, superintendent streets,	369.26
	1	" " " "	13.08

Jan.	1	Samuel Allen, services as superintendent of streets,	$ 74.80	
Feb.	1	Samuel Allen, superintendent of streets,	52.18	
	13	T. D. Potter, 18 feet 10-inch tile,	3.60	
	15	Cash paid Geo. Alexander,	3.00	
	15	" " Geo. B. Weston,	1.20	
	15	" " James Shea,	2.70	
	15	" " M. D. S. Longley,	7.00	
	15	" " Samuel Allen,	4.70	
	15	" " Myron G. Ward,	2.25	
	15	" " Geo. E. Sanford,	3.00	
	15	Samuel Allen, services as superintendent of streets,	2.00	
			———	$2,604.65

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT.

1898.			
April	1	A. M. Baggs,	$128.25
May	1	Samuel Allen, permanent,	91.99
		" " tile for permanent,	12.40
	2	D. P. Spencer, "	129.20
June	1	" " "	412.29
July	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, sundry bills paid,	9.90
		W. H. Hawks, labor permanent improvement,	3.65
		John Smith, labor permanent improvement,	6.00
		T. D. Potter & Co., tile permanent improvement,	50.35
		Lyman Jencks, labor with team,	10.50
		Emory Munsel, " " "	10.50
		Arthur Shaw, labor,	4.50
Sept.	1	T. D. Potter & Co., tile,	3.36
Oct.	1	Sanford & Stebbins, planking Bondsville bridge,	30.88

Nov.	1	T. D. Potter & Co., tile,	$ 9.14	
		Sanford & Stebbins, building of bridge at Tylerville,	69.80	
		Sanford & Stebbins, plank and timber,	4.44	
		Nelson Randall, permanent repairs,	12.00	
Dec.	1	F. L. Stebbins, one plow,	7.00	
		Wm. F. Carter, sewer grates,	3.00	
		From June 1 to date.		
		Wm. E. Bridgman, work on sewers,	4.86	
		Walk across the street,	12.00	
Permanent,				$1,026.01
General,				2,604.65
Total,				$3,630.66

This is the amount after the amount of $16.24 is paid back by Samuel Allen, superintendent of streets, $3,614.42

This exceeds the appropriation $774.19.

Of this amount $2433.04 we paid over to Samuel Allen, superintendent of streets, which he paid out as follows:

For permanent improvement,	$ 194 39	
dynamite,	15.00	
cutting brush about,	60.00	
general repairs,	1,679.62	
breaking snow,	467.79	
Paid back to the treasurer,	16·24	
		$2,433.04

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Report of Burial Ground Commissioners for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1899.

Unexpended balance for the years 1896 and 1897,	$65.58	
Appropriation for the year 1898,	40.00	
		$105.58
Paid Robert Burns, mowing West Hill cemetery,	$1.50	
Merrick Whittemore, mowing South Center cemetery,	6.00	
George Chandler, mowing Lake Vale cemetery,	5.00	
Frank M. Wilson, mowing Union cemetery,	3.00	
Albert Bardwell, mowing Holyoke cemetery,	2.50	
F. R. Wright, mowing Liberty cemetery,	2.00	
For lumber, paint, oils, nails, etc., for the fence for Holyoke cemetery,	23.15	
Labor for building the fence,	16.15	
Expended,		$59.30
Unexpended balance,		$46.28

A. D. RANDALL, } *Burial Ground*
E. S. LANE, } *Commissioners.*

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT FOR 1898.

April	1	Philip Dodge, one day's work,	$ 1.25
	1	Charles Wheeler, one day's work.	1.25
	1	M. A. Dickinson, one day with team,	3.50
	1	Frank Lagrand, one day with team,	3.50
	1	" " one man,	1.25
May	2	F. G. Shaw, carting tile,	.50
	2	C. L. Jencks, one day with team,	3.50

June	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, cash grading sidewalk,	$ 19 95	
July	1	John Smith, labor grading sidewalk,	3.75	
	1	Dickinson & Bro., labor grading sidewalk,	1.93	
	1	Martin Olds, labor grading sidewalk,	1.75	
	1	C. H. Randall, labor with team grading sidewalk,	14.00	
	1	F. M. Fuller, labor with team grading sidewalk,	5.95	
	1	F. L. Stebbins, labor with team grading sidewalk,	3.50	
	1	E. F. Munsell, labor with team grading sidewalk,	34.82	
	1	Fred Normandin, laying walk,	647.77	
June	1	P. D. Spencer, work on drain,	3.70	
Nov.	1	H. M. Dunbar, 61 loads gravel,	1.83	
	1	T. D. Potter & Co., tile for walks,	5.72	
				$759.42
1899.				
Feb.	1	Less amount of walk across street,		12.00
				$747.42
		Appropriation,	$500.00	
		Balance left over from last year,	36.05	
		Given by Messrs. Clapp & Barton,	12.00	
		Abuttors' pay,	174.00	
				$722.05
		In excess of the appropriation,		$25.37

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Collector's Report.

The amount committed to your collector for the year 1898 was		
State tax,		$ 510.00
County tax,		1,809.99
Town tax,		12,490.00
Overlaying,		194.81
Total,		$15,004.80
He has collected and paid into the treasury,	$11,702.89	
Amount uncollected,	3,301.91	

A sidewalk tax was assessed to the amount of	$172,18
There was abated,	10.18
Balance,	$162.00

Of this amount has been collected,	$132.50
Amount uncollected,	30.50

M. S. BARTON, *Collector.*

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due for state aid,	$1,333.50	
from town of Pelham,	2.80	
town of Granby,	2.00	
town of Prescott,	3.50	
town of Leverett,	25.17	
taxes 1896, Guy C. Allen,	351.23	
taxes, 1897, collector,	756.91	
William Snow's note,	25.00	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	1,937.48	
due from M. S. Barton, collector,	3,301.91	
" sidewalk account,	30.50	
		$7,770.00
This amount due from estate of S. Ward, and from railroad,		114.70
		$7,884.70
765 orders issued		
Amounting to		$16,859.04
One outstanding order of last year,		5.25
The amount paid by treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, 1899,		$16,864.29

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Belchertown, and that I find them correctly cast and properly vouched for, and that I this day find in the town treasury cash and bank deposits amounting to $1,937.48.

C. B. KING, *Auditor.*

Belchertown, Mass., Feb. 18, 1899.

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1898.

VITAL STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January,	2	April,	3	July,	5	October,	2
February,	4	May,	5	August,	6	November,	3
March,	2	June,	3	September,	2	December,	3

Males, 19; Females, 21; Total, 40.

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions recorded,			16
Number of marriages recorded,			16
First marriage,	Males, 14;	Females,	13
Second marriage,	Males, 2;	Females,	2
Third marriage,	Males, 0;	Females,	1
Youngest male married,			22
Youngest female married,			18
Oldest male married,			68
Oldest female married,			58

DEATHS.

January,	1	April,	1	July,	3	October,	3
February,	4	May,	2	August,	4	November,	4
March,	3	June,	4	September,	5	December,	3

Males, 18; Females, 19; Total, 37.

Native born, 34; Foreign born, 3.

DISEASES OR CAUSES OF DEATH.

Lung disease,	5	Heart disease,	4
Incidental to old age,	4	Diphtheria,	1
Other causes,	22		

Number of town meetings during the year,	2
Mortgages recorded during the year 1898,	15
Bills of sale,	7
Writs of attachment,	5

DOGS LICENSED.

Whole number, 173.

Males, 161 at $2.00 each,	$322.00	
Females, 12 at $5.00 each,	60.00	
		$382.00

Paid the above amount (less fees), to county treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SCOTT, *Town Clerk.*

List of Jurors.

M. W. Bardwell,
Irving Mills,
Alfred H. Hubbard,
Geo. W. Canterbury,
Arthur Bridgman,
Guy C. Allen, Jr.,
A. H. Bartlett,
Peter Hannifin,
F. L. Stebbins,
A. L. Pratt,
Edward Gay,
Geo. E. Sanford,
D. F. Shumway,
Herbert Shaw,
A. W. Morse,
John W. Jackson,
Edgar S. Lane,
Eugene Randall,
Chas. H. Snow,
W. B. Shaw,
W. E. Bridgman.
F. W. Fellows,
J. R. Gould,
Sanford Arnold,
A. C. Shaw,
H. C. West,
Wesley M. Goodell,
F. F. Dewey,
Oliver Shannon,
M. W. Ayers,
Roswell Allen,
E. S. Snow,
F. H. Bridgman,
G. H. B. Green,
Willard Belden,
Michael F. Austin, 1st,

Report of School Committee.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1898,	$1,475.35	
Due tuition from Ludlow,	56.50	
Appropriation (1898–99),	4,600.00	
Received from state school fund,	394.44	
" for state wards,	727.50	
" Calvin Bridgman fund,	257.70	
		$7,511.49

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages from treasury,	$5,042.00	
" " " Calvin Bridgman fund,	281.19	
Paid for fuel,	324.00	
" " janitors,	116.55	
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1899,	1747.75	
		$7,511.49

School Account.

WAGES OF TEACHERS IN DETAIL.

High School,	C. A. Guild,	40	w'ks at	22.22\frac{2}{9}$	$888.89
"	Anna Whelan,	14	"	10.00	140.00
"	Minnie L. Dana,	26	"	10.00	260.00
Center Grammar,	Ida L. Shaw,	32	"	10.00	320.00
Center Primary,	Louisa E. Allen,	32	"	10.00	320.00
Center South,	Edith Towne,	32	"	6.50	208.00
Mill Valley,	Lizzie M. Bartlett,	32	"	6.00	192.00
Cold Spring,	Nelly J. Landers,	11	"	7.50	82.50
"	Julia B. Smith,	21	"	7.50	157.50
Franklin Grammar,	Josie V. Sullivan,	32	"	7.50	240.00
Franklin Primary,	Mabel E. Ryther,	11	"	7.00	77.00
"	Nelly J. Landers,	11	"	7.00	77.00
"	"	10	"	7.50	75.00
Liberty,	Bertha Davis,	32	"	6.00	192.00
Washington,	Nellie L. Sullivan,	11	"	5.00	55.00
"	"	21	"	5.50	115.50
Chestnut Hill,	H. C. Knight,	11	"	8.00	88.00
"	Grace A. Fisher,	21	"	7.00	147.00
Rock Rimmon,	Ruby Knight,	32	"	6.00	192.00
Holyoke,	Grace A. Fisher,	11	"	6.00	66.00
"	Nettie Shaw,	21	"	5.00	105.00
Federal,	L. C. Gutberlett,	32	"	6.50	208.00
Lake Vale,	Julia B. Smith,	11	"	7.00	77.00
"	Mabel L. Alley,	21	"	5.00	105.00
Union,	Luella P. Hawkes,	32	"	7.50	240.00
West Hill,	Hattie M. Gold,	$11\frac{3}{5}$	"	5.50	63.80
"	Nina M. Kimball,	$20\frac{3}{5}$	"	5.00	103.00

East Hill,	Mary A. Mitchell,	32	w'ks at	$ 5.00	$160.00
Laurel,	Rose M. Olds,	32	"	6.50	208.00
Blue Meadow,	Susie Sadler,	11	"	5.00	55.00
"	Fanny Doherty,	21	"	5.00	105.00

Total cost of teaching,	$5,323.19
Less paid from Calvin Bridgman fund,	281.19
Cost of teaching to the town,	$5,042.00

FUEL.

E. E. Gay,	$ 10.00	
E. R. Blackmer,	28.87	
Albert Flurey,	17.25	
A. H. Squires,	73.50	
J. W. Hurlbert,	10.00	
G. H. B. Greene,	15.00	
Rufus Lane,	12.50	
Timothy Garvey,	11.25	
F. S. Wilson,	13.25	
W. J. Holcombe,	14.25	
A. H. Bartlett,	6.50	
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan,	12.25	
Thomas O'Connor,	25.00	
Sanford & Stebbins,	16.63	
Napoleon Antonowitz,	10.00	
M. W. Bardwell,	16.25	
E. E. Meade,	15.00	
George R. Dickinson,	14.00	
Kindling furnished by janitors,	2.50	
Total charge for fuel,		$324.00
Janitors' services,		116.55
Total paid on school account,	$5,482.55	
Calvin Bridgman high school fund,	281.19	
		$5,763.74

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation (as per town record),	$400.00	
Expended in excess of appropriation,	51.29	
		$451.29

EXPENDITURES.

The Boston School Supply Company,	$24.48	
Ginn and Company,	20.50	
American Book Company,	63.46	
Benjamin H. Sanborn,	2.50	
Leach, Shewell & Co.,	78.37	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	5.83	
A. H. Bartlett,	5.40	
J. P. Lippincott,	4.80	
Scott, Furseman & Co.,	11.46	
C. B. Fiske & Co.,	19.00	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	10.92	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	15.00	
D. Appleton & Co.,	9.60	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	62.19	
William Ware & Co.,	54.20	
E. S. & A. Bridgman,	9.63	
D. L. Hazen,	2.35	
M. L. Longley,	1.35	
The Penn Publishing Co.,	7.20	
H. A. Hopkins,	10.30	
E. D. Marsh,	4.30	
C. R. Elder,	13.75	
E. L. Bates,	4.00	
Oliver Hyde, for chairs,	10.70	
		$451.29

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

Unexpended balance, February 15, 1898,	$ 25.70	
Appropriation for general repairs, 1898–99,	600.00	
		$625.70

EXPENDED.

E. C. Howard, printing,	$ 4.75
F. B. Purdy, rope and repairing flagstaff, high school,	2.75
R. W. Morse, rope and repairing flagstaff, high school,	.50
W. A. Ross, engraving diplomas,	6.00
M. A. Morse, team hire,	2.25
Geo. Chaflin, cleaning well at high school,	3.00
William Bell, making cupboard,	2.75
Mary Hyde, ribbon for diplomas,	2.00
E. U. Corbett, cupboards,	4.00
E. R. Blackman, repairs on Federal school house,	5.16
E. B. Sanford, building fence at high school,	4.25
Rufus Bond, lumber for cupboards,	4.86
R. Capen, labor and material for shingling Mill Valley school house,	39.35
B. C. Davis, repairs at Blue Meadow and Cold Spring,	22.28
B. C. Davis, flag staff at Blue Meadow,	1.50
B. L. Thresher, stove pipe and zinc for Laurel,	17.90
Furnishings at Cold Spring,	1.10
Cleaning well at Franklin,	4.00
Repairing pump,	2.15
Cleaning yard and windows at Laurel,	3.00
Cleaning and repairs at Cold Spring,	5.00
J. L. Hammett & Co., desks for Laurel and Chestnut Hill,	136.16
J. L. Hammett & Co., slate black boards for Laurel and Chestnut Hill,	24.57
E. T. Kimball, table for East Hill,	2.25
Oliver Shannon, shingling South Center school house,	26.43
M. W. Bardwell, window at Washington school house,	1.25

C. A. Guild, re-binding school books,	$ 1.80	
Oliver Shannon, repairing Laurel school house,	294.75	
Oliver Shannon, repairing Chestnut Hill school house,	11.69	
Oliver Hyde, zinc for stove,	1.65	
John Kelly, building fence at South Center,	4.80	
E. E. Meade, cleaning and repairs at West Hill,	2.75	
M. W. Bardwell, cleaning stove pipe and carting,	1.00	
Charles H. Snow, disinfectants for high school vault,	4.05	
Jane Pierce, 4 days labor cleaning high school building,	4.50	
Wright & Potter, printing labor certificates,	1.64	
Charles E. Davis, setting window glass,	1.39	
Sanford & Stebbins, lumber for fence,	18.74	
George R. Dickinson, cleaning school house and setting glass at Lake Vale,	2.50	
D. R. Kennedy, stove pipe and labor,	1.30	
John Kelley, cleaning South Center School house,	1.20	
H. A. Randall, repairs at Lake Vale,	1.00	
General repairs at Union school house,	5.50	
Cleaning stove pipe and setting glass at Union,	3.00	
Cleaning school house vaults,	13.25	
M. A. Morse, paid for freight, express and drayage,	28.94	
C. A. Guild, paid for freight, express and drayage,	1.40	
F. G. Shaw, paid for freight, express and drayage,	4.00	
C. A. Guild, spring for organ and express on same,	1.10	
		$741.16

Expended in excess of appropriation, $115.46.

SALARY OF COMMITTEE.

M. A. Morse,	$90.00	
John Anderson,	90.00	
Mrs. M. S. Longley,	75.00	
		$255.00

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance February 15, 1898,	$100.00
Unexpended balance February 15, 1899,	100.00

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled.	
" " between 5 and 15,	495
" " between 8 and 14,	325
" " under 5,	7
" " over 15,	48
Perfect in attendance one year,	10
" " two terms,	46
" " one term,	103
Average wages high school teacher per month,	$88.88⅞
" " assistant high school teacher per month,	40.00
" " male teachers in common school per month,	32.00
" " female teachers in common school per month,	25.96$\frac{8}{27}$

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1899—1900.

For support of schools,	$4,600.00
Books and supplies,	400.00
Repairs (ordinary) on school houses,	300.00
Transportation of pupils,	~~100.00~~
For painting schoolhouses,	200.00

M. A. MORSE,
JOHN ANDERSON,
M. S. LONGLEY,
} *Committee.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number.	No. enrolled.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 8 and 14.	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.
High	81	60	0	37	37	44	58	56	67	66	68	64
Center Grammar	37	37	0	1	36	33	33	30	33	32	33	30
Center Primary	57	57	1	0	56	23	48	45	45	43	39	35
Center South	31	31	0	0	31	19	28	22	25	23	21	19
Mill Valley	13	13	1	0	12	10	10	8	10	9	8	7
Cold Spring	29	29	1	3	27	15	26	23	23	21	18	16
Franklin Grammar	20	20	0	0	20	20	19	18	15	14	14	13
Franklin Primary	32	32	1	0	31	12	25	22	29	26	23	21
Liberty	20	20	0	1	19	9	17	16	16	15	11	9
Washington	16	16	1	0	15	12	15	13	14	10	11	8
Chestnut Hill	26	24	0	1	25	5	25	23	24	23	21	17
Rock Rimmon	18	18	0	0	18	11	8	8	12	12	13	12
Holyoke	24	24	0	2	22	9	16	15	15	14	12	10
Federal	20	19	0	0	20	13	18	17	18	17	17	15
Lake Vale	19	19	2	6	17	12	14	13	14	13	7	6
Union	40	40	0	0	40	29	28	26	26	24	19	17
West Hill	17	17	0	0	17	12	12	10	7	6	6	5
East Hill	14	14	0	3	11	8	9	8	13	12	12	11
Laurel	21	21	0	0	21	14	19	18	17	17	14	13
Blue Meadow	20	20	0	0	20	15	19	18	20	18	19	17
	555	531	7	48	495	325						

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE TERMS.

Henry Le Grande (Chestnut Hill), Esther Dodge,
Clarence Randall, Frank E. Randall,
Leon Aldrich, Helen Guild,
Harry W. Austin, Nellie Sullivan,
Charles Austin, Raymond Austin.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Lewis Blackmer, Gertrude Moriarty,
Henry Damon, May F. Carmody,
William Hill, Louise Austin,
John Searl, Florence Gould,
Carrie L. Holland, Herbert LeGro,
Margaret Stevenson, Willie LeGro,
Clinton Hamilton, Favill Randolph,
Clifton Hamilton, Vienna Bridgman,
George Morency, Almon W. Damon,
Chauncy Walker, Helen Guild,
Florence Dodd, Clara Pierce,
Joseph Murphy, Bertha Peeso,
Philip Sanford, Wilber Rogers.
Fred Sanford, Albert Fleury,
Herbert Peeso, Lucy Geer,
Patsy Shea, Mabel Geer,
Maggie Moriarty, Freddie Wright,
Nellie Moriarty, Henry Cooley,
John Sullivan, Flora Cooley,
Daisy Canterbury, Thomas Le Grande,
Esther Fay, Lucy Randolph,
Walter Goodell, George Cotthaus,
Charley Hooser, Belmont Miller.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Andrew J. Sears,
Amy L. Randall,
Michael Garvey,
Bridget Fitzgerald,
Kate Manning,
Agnes Cummings,
Ella Stebbins,
Iola Jepson,
Agnes Lynch,
Edmund Snow,
Philip Bridgman,
George Goodwin,
Stanley Bridgman,
Robert Bridgman, Jr.,
Nettie Bardwell,
Walter Damon,
Alva Farrington,
Joseph Drohan,
Irene Jackson,
Stella Maine,
Annie Peeso,
Flora Lombard,
Lucy Hanifin,
Marcella Carmody,
Mabel Morrison,
John Lynch,
Addie Wilson,
Annie Germaine,
Edith Germaine,
Herbert Chapin,
Fred Randolph,
Arthur Randall,
Albert Turner,
Nettie Bardwell,
Ira Damon,
Charlie Sanford,
Willie Heywood,
Grover Snow,
Alice Guild,
Lewis Guild,
Robert Cummings,
Frank Bardwell,
Frank Fuller,
Arthur Landers,
Julia O'Connor,
Chester Canterbury,
Willie Shea,
Minnie Moriarty,
Kate Moriarty,
Eva Segal,
Stella Daraff,
Ida Segal,
Teresa Granfield,
William Moriarty,
Maurice Moriarty,
Daniel O'Connor,
Jerry Sullivan,
Dora Hayes,
Vera Atwood,
Florence Wood,
Marion Bridgman,
Harry Aldrich,
Fred Michel,
Martha Michel,
Richard Michel,
Henry Eno,
Harold Curtis,
Fred Wood,
Wendell Bemis,
George King,
George Lemay,
Robert Dillon,
Cyril Courtland,
Eddie Rogers,

Frank Peeso,
Nora Fenton,
Robert Alden,
Anna Clark,
Dwight Sheldon,
Ethel Hurlburt,
Maud Hurlburt,
John McKillop,
William Adair,
Samuel Adair,
Robert Adair,
Louise Filer,
Alice Filer,
Winnie Goodell,
Cora Juckett.

Alice Blackmer,
Emma Blackmer,
Daisy French,
Richard French,
Hattie Howe,
George Le Grande,
Michael McKillop,
Charley Peeso,
John Fay,
Tekla Antonowikez,
Ethel L. Meade,
Fanny Thayer,
Agnes Thayer,
Raymond Randall,

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss.
HAMPSHIRE, }

To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the Sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, seven Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; one School Committee for three years, two Burial Ground Commissioners, one for two years and one for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town; vote "Yes" or "No," all on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4th, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: Three Fence Viewers, Eight Measurers of Wood, Eight Surveyors of Lumber, Six Field Drivers, Two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund, for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools.

ART. 6. To raise money for the purchase of school books and other supplies, also for transportation of scholars, if necessary.

ART. 7. To see if the town shall raise money for repairs and furnishing school houses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray town and pauper expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to see if any part of said money be paid for permanent improvements.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing and keeping in repair the several town burying grounds.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to reimburse Wm. H. Bridgman and Mrs. Clara D. Duncan for money advanced by them to build a concrete walk in front of their respective premises, in the same proportion as other abutters, and raise money for the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to lay a concrete walk from the northwest corner of A. C. Shaw's premises to the northwest corner of E. R. Peeso's house lot, and raise money for the same, agreeably to a petition of Edward R. Peeso and twenty-five others.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to extend the concrete walk from the southwest corner of the Public Library lot, to connect with the walk at the north end of the Park near the new house built by George M. Fisher and raise money for the same, agreeably to the petition of S. A. Hodgkins and ten others.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to construct a graveled walk from the north side of the South Center School lot to the road leading to Mr. Scofield's, thence from said road to a point opposite the house of John Anderson, provided that the cost to the town does not exceed $40, and raise money for the same, agreeably to a petition of M. S. Barton and nine others.

ART. 16. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, and pay it over to the Ladies' Guild, to be used by that organization in defraying the expenses of lighting the lamps on the Park, for the year beginning April 1st, 1899, agreeably to a petition of J. M. Clough and nine others.

ART. 17. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to help defray the expenses of E. J. Griggs Post, No. 97, on Memorial Day and raise money for the same, agreeably to a petition of A. W. Morse and ten others.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Assessors for the ensuing year, to report in full a valuation of each tax payer's personal property and real estate, and amount of tax on the same, and have the same included in their annual report to the town, agreeably to a petition of Charles E. Davis and fourteen others.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to establishing the salaries of its town officers, agreeably to a petition of Samuel Allen and twelve others.

ART. 20. To see if the town will instruct its School Committee to advertise for a period of ten days, (April first to tenth,) for sealed proposals for the furnishing of the necessary fuel for the use of all its schools for the current year, and contract for the same with the lowest bidder and act thereon, agreeably to a petition of Geo. F. Thomson and nine others.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from a point about sixty rods southerly of the house of James Shea to a point near to and southerly of the former residence of the late Artemus Owen.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from a point near the place formerly owned by Mrs. Ellen Condon to the place of the former residence of the late Samuel Capen, agreeably to a petition of Enoch B. Sanford and nine others.

ART. 23. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid to its collector on or before certain specified times and act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize its Collector to charge interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid after Dec. 1st of the current year.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to care for the lot in Mount Hope Cemetery where Eugene H. McKinney is buried, on payment to the town treasurer of the sum of $50.

ART. 26. To see if the town will accept the provisions of the will of the late Mrs. Eliza Longley, whereby she gave to the town the sum of $100, they, the town, to care for the lot in Mount Hope Cemetery where she lies buried.

ART. 27. To see if the town will accept the provisions of the will of the late Lyman Sabin whereby he gave to the town the sum of $100, they, the town, to care for the lot in Mount Hope Cemetery where he lies buried.

ART. 28. To see if the town will instruct its Treasurer to deposit the several sums received and to be received for the care of cemetery lots, in some Savings Bank or otherwise safely invest the same, the interest to be expended annually under the direction of the Selectmen, for the care and improvement of Mount Hope Cemetery.

ART. 29. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use and care of the town house.

ART. 30. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell, care for the town clock, and drive the hearse for the year ensuing.

ART. 31. To see if the town will authorize the Chairman of the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 32. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the selectmen.

ART. 33. To hear the report of the selectmen on guide boards.

ART. 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 3 o'clock p. m., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at the depot at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, ten days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1899.

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
GEO. E. SANFORD,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

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Assessors' Report.

Value of assessed real estate, May 1st, 1899,	$746,785.00	
Value of assessed personal estate, May 1st, 1899,	113,650.00	
		$860,435.00
Rate of taxation $14.80 per Thousand.		
Tax on real estate, including overlayings,	$11,052.41	
Tax on personal estate,	1,682.02	
540 polls,	1,080.00	
	$13,814.43	

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS:

To town, school and other expenses,	$11,230.00	
State tax,	510.00	
County tax,	1,809.99	
Overlayings,	264.44	
		$13,814.43

Residents assessed on property,	473
Non-residents assessed on property,	146
Persons paying poll tax only,	178
Number of acres of land assessed,	32,223
Horses,	652
Cows,	1,512
Neat cattle other than cows,	515
Sheep,	40
Swine,	152

Fowls,	3,240
Dwelling houses,	501

Added assessments, $28.50.

ABATEMENTS.

1895,	$32.26
1896,	97.12
1897,	171.12
1898,	130.96
1899,	149.89
	$581.35

F. L. STEBBINS,
C. H. RANDALL,
F. B. ALDEN,
Assessors of Belchertown.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

1899.			
Feb.	17	Balance due on settlement,	$1,937.48
	17	Wm. Snow's note,	25.00
	18	Cash of N. L. N. R. R., abolition of grade crossing,	76.70
	25	M. S. Barton,	213.92
	25	" " concrete walk,	14.50
	28	W. E. Bridgman, Creamery Co,	56.74
March	1	Guy C. Allen,	33.00
	4	M. S. Barton,	99.13
	4	" " concrete walk,	12.00
	6	Guy C. Allen,	116.25
	7	N. Randall, admr., board of Mrs. Samuel Ward,	12.00
	8	John Anderson,	2.20
	8	M. S. Barton,	215.05
	18	" "	212.72
	20	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	188.65
	22	Guy C. Allen,	77.00
	30	M. S. Barton,	182.29
	31	E. A. Farrington,	13.57
April	3	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	61.78
	4	J. E. Clark, fine of Henry Stone,	10.00
	8	M. S. Barton,	169.95
	12	N. Randall, admr., board of Mrs. Samuel Ward,	40.00
	17	M. S. Barton,	113.75
	20	James Peeso, use of hearse,	4.00

April	29	Town of Granby,	$ 2.00
	29	M. S. Barton,	115.47
May	2	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	56.28
	3	C. H. Snow, liquor license,	1.00
	5	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	6	M. S. Barton,	145.37
	8	Town of Prescott,	3.50
	20	M. S. Barton,	106.05
	27	N. Randall, board of Mrs. A. A. Piper,	25.00
	27	Guy C. Allen, auct. license,	2.00
	27	M. S. Barton,	106.76
	29	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	53.23
	31	Mrs Manee, school books,	.35
June	3	M. S. Barton,	255.12
	3	Education of state children,	768.50
	5	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	25.00
	5	Guy C. Allen, 1897 tax,	33.00
	6	H. M. Jepson, butcher license,	1.00
	6	Town of Ludlow, account schools,	56.50
	7	Circus license,	5.00
	14	A. Baggs, butcher license,	1.00
	14	State Treasurer, support state paupers,	14.20
	17	M. S. Barton,	90.72
	17	Guy C. Allen,	50.00
	23	John Anderson, account concrete walk,	17.00
	24	M. S. Barton,	43.20
	29	O. Walker, damage on Franklin school house,	10.00
	30	Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
July	1	W. E. Bridgman, show license,	5.00
	1	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	51.07
	1	M. S. Barton,	45.11
	3	Town of Leverett,	122.04
	3	Estate of Lyman Sabin,	100.00
	8	Sautell's circus license,	5.00
	11	Mrs. Olive M. Adams,	50.00
	15	M. S. Barton,	100.18

July	20	Mrs. Longley, for books,	$ .25
	22	D. P. Clapp, account concrete walk,	21.15
	24	Guy C. Allen,	22.50
	24	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	20.00
	29	M. S. Barton,	131.72
	29	M. S. Barton, concrete walk,	14.00
	31	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	51.26
Aug.	5	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	5	M. S. Barton,	59.35
	7	M. S. Barton,	104.00
	7	Town of Leverett,	30.50
	11	Samuel Allen,	174.81
	12	" "	125.04
	15	" "	87.00
	19	M. S. Barton,	78.78
	21	Samuel Allen,	135.00
	22	N. Randall, support of Mrs. Piper,	25.00
	24	Samuel Allen,	102.32
	24	" "	101.28
	25	" "	150.29
	26	M. S. Barton,	37.56
	30	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	81.26
	31	Samuel Allen,	405.00
Sept.	1	M. S. Barton,	68.88
	1	" " concrete walk,	1.00
	5	Samuel Allen,	432.29
	6	" "	293.70
	8	" "	172.74
	9	M. S. Barton,	78.49
	11	Samuel Allen,	158.17
	11	State Treasurer, burial state pauper,	15.00
	13	Samuel Allen,	238.76
	15	Samuel Allen,	395.55
	16	M. S. Barton,	23.18
	18	Samuel Allen,	212.00
	19	" "	211.25
	21	" "	571.89
	22	" "	1,124.80

Sept.	22	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	$78.35
	23	M. S. Barton,	42.58
	23	Samuel Allen,	1,062.12
	25	" "	1,747.32
	26	" "	250.53
Oct.	2	Guy C. Allen,	97.00
	7	M. S. Barton,	83.90
	7	Samuel Allen,	151.66
	11	H. H. Chilson, fines District Court,	10.00
	18	Samuel Allen,	124.44
	21	M. S. Barton,	29.25
	26	Samuel Allen,	261.11
	30	" "	344.52
	31	" "	219.94
Nov.	1	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	79.19
	4	Samuel Allen,	215.40
	4	Samuel Allen, concrete,	31.04
	6	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	15	George E. Alexander, butcher license,	1.00
	18	Samuel Allen,	93.96
	18	Samuel Allen, concrete walk,	25.18
	20	M. S. Barton, concrete walk,	1.00
	20	M. S. Barton,	71.04
	28	W. E. Bridgman, rent of Town Hall,	5.00
	29	Samuel Allen,	82.13
	29	Samuel Allen, concrete walk,	25.45
	29	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	99.42
Dec.	2	M. S. Barton,	24.12
	9	Samuel Allen,	186.52
	9	Corporation tax,	128.16
	9	National Bank tax,	335.12
	9	State Aid,	1,233.00
	13	Samuel Allen,	126.36
	15	Samuel Allen,	136.98
	15	M. S. Barton,	33.90
	16	Samuel Allen,	128.00
	19	" "	95.54
	19	" " concrete walk,	9.00
	19	J. M. Clough, for tile,	6.38

Dec.	26	N. Randall Creamery, Co.,	$89.23
	27	Samuel Allen,	356.50
	27	" " concrete walk,	24.30
	29	" "	252.90
	30	" "	216 75
1900.			
Jan.	1	" "	275.22
	3	" "	288.27
	5	M. S. Barton,	71.95
	5	Wm. Snow, note and interest,	26.25
	5	Samuel Allen,	105.95
	8	J. E. Clark, fines of John Moriarty and Thos. Anderson,	17.00
	9	County Treasurer, dog fund,	354.74
	10	H. H. Chilson, fines in District Court,	17.00
	13	Samuel Allen,	212.18
	13	" " concrete walk,	10.27
	17	Frank Bardwell, for School Book,	1.96
	17	Samuel Allen,	107.25
	20	Samuel Allen,	134.31
	22	G. H. B. Green,	1.53
	24	Samuel Allen,	244.78
	26	State Treasurer, income Mass. School Fund,	394.38
	26	J. A. Miller, legacy to Mrs. Piper,	287.41
	29	M. S. Barton,	49.90
	31	J. M. Clough, use of hearse,	4.50
Feb.	1	Samuel Allen,	150.86
	1	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	149.00
	1	Guy C. Allen, 1897 tax,	171.12
	1	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	101.08
	5	M. S. Barton,	63.52
	6	Mary R. Muzzy, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	6	Town of Granby,	44.25
	7	Nelson Randall, support of Mrs. Piper,	40.00
	7	Samuel Allen,	102.45
	15	Guy C. Allen, 1896 tax,	157.23
	15	Guy C. Allen, 1897 tax,	157.04

Feb.	16	City of Pittsfield,	$25.00
	16	Samuel Allen,	241.39
	16	Samuel Allen,	463.46
	16	M. S. Barton,	34.98
			$27,599.62

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1899			
Feb.	17	Wm. Snow's note,	$ 25.00
March	4	Cash paid M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 3 cases,	18.23
April	11	Reuben Bell, services in District Court, 1 case,	1.26
May	2	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 4 cases,	27.83
	4	Reuben Bell, services in District Court, 1 case,	1.58
	4	State Treasurer, act. liquor license,	.25
June	30	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	20.00
Sept.	16	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 4 cases,	34.61
	22	E. H. Banister, County tax,	1,809.99
	26	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	26	Placed in Amherst Savings Bank, Cr. Mount Hope Cemetery Fund,	750.00
Oct.	12	Paid M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 1 case,	7.94
Dec.	9	State Tax,	510.00
	21	F. W. Brockway, services in District Court, 2 cases,	5.36
	21	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 5 cases,	18.40
1900.			
Jan.	1	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 1 case,	5.40
	16	Town orders del. Selectmen,	19,254.42
Services as treasurer,			100.00
Cash on hand,			3,009.35
			$27,599.62

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1900.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN FARM AND PROPERTY CONNECTED WITH THE SAME.

Home farm and buildings,	$6,000.00	
Two wood lots,	1,000.00	
Abbey pasture, 104,	500.00	
		$7,500.00
Household furniture, beds and bedding,	$832.00	
Wood in the woodshed,	25.00	
Provisions, such as flour, meat, turnips, apples, lard, canned fruit and 200 bushels of potatoes,	225.00	
		1,082.00
Farming tools of all kinds used on the farm, including wagons, sleds, harnesses, etc.,	$740.00	740.00

LIVE STOCK.

1 pair of horses,	$300.00	
14 cows,	700.00	
5 cows,	185.00	
1 bull and 5 heifers,	100.00	
5 heifers and 1 calf,	70.00	
5 hogs, $50.00; and 5 shoats, $40.00,	90.00	
33 hens,	17.00	
		1,462.00
A lot of hay, about 11 or 12 tons,	$200.00	
About 300 bushels of corn on the ear,	75.00	
Other grain and feed,	18.70	
		293.70

Railroad ties delivered,	$200.00	
Lot of logs at sawmills,	150.00	
		$350.00
About 100 tons of ice,	60.00	
Hearse and sleigh,	350.00	
		410.00
Total,		$11,837.70
Gain over last year on apprisal of personal property,		$228.05

PAUPER IN ACCOUNT.

1899.			
March	1	G. B. Demorest, supplies at Almshouse,	$ 2.75
	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies at Almshouse,	6.07
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies at Almshouse,	7.72
April	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies at Almshouse.	10.09
	1	Mrs. E. B. Demorest, supplies at Almshouse,	2.30
	1	E. A. Farrington, supplies at Almshouse,	1.51
	1	E. A. Farrington and wife, services as warden and matron,	100.00
	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed at Town Farm,	109.96
	1	F. A. Prouty, repairs on buggy, Town Farm,	1.50
	1	Jennie Ely, housework, Town Farm,	22.00
	1	James A. Peeso, sand for Town Farm,	2.00
	1	Wm. F. Carter, repairs on buggy, Town Farm,	5.00

April	1	C. B. King, M. D., medicine for B. Billings,	$ 11.25
May	1	C. E. Scott, supplies furnished Almshouse,	15.45
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies furnished Almshouse,	3.52
	1	R. K. Shumway, painting buggy, Town Farm,	8.50
	1	E. B. Sanford, four cows for Town Farm,	145.00
	1	Geo. M. Kelley, painting, papering and stock,	20.33
June	1	T. D. Potter & Co., barrel of lime and cement for Town Farm,	2.50
	1	Lizzie Ballou, housework at Almshouse,	15.00
	1	D. L. Hazen, supplies for Almshouse,	31.61
	1	C. E. Scott, supplies for Almshouse,	1.02
	1	Wm. L. Sanford, supplies for Almshouse,	21.02
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies for Almshouse,	8.21
	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies for Almshouse,	14.11
July	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies for Almshouse,	30.27
	1	L. E. Ballou, bath tub for Almshouse,	35.36
	1	Mrs. C. L. Holland, making dress for Sarah King,	2.25
	1	Francis Peeso, labor at Town Farm,	24.21
Aug.	1	Francis Peeso, labor at Town Farm,	18.00
	1	James A. Peeso and wife, services as warden and matron,	68.75
	1	Ira E. Damon, blacksmithing, Town Farm,	1.45

Aug.	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed, Town Farm,	$ 97.18
	1	F. W. Fellows, supplies for Town Farm,	1.90
	1	Francis Peeso, labor at Town Farm,	13.80
	1	Lizzie Ballou, labor at Almshouse,	36.00
	1	D. L. Hazen, supplies for Almshouse,	10.35
	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies at Almshouse,	6.76
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies at Almshouse,	24.15
	1	J. H. Thayer, supplies for Almshouse,	32.94
Sept.	1	Lizzie Ballou, labor at Almshouse,	8.00
	1	Francis Peeso, labór at town farm,	18.00
	1	Nelson Blackmer, labor at town farm,	8.00
	1	W. H. Stone, horse shoeing at town farm,	5.10
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies for Almshouse,	9.01
	1	C. E. Scott, supplies for Almshouse,	4.90
	1	W. L. Sanford, supplies for Almshouse,	16.04
	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed, town farm,	75.98
Oct.	1	James A. Peeso and wife, services as warden and matron,	68.75
	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies for Almshouse,	7.33
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies for Almshouse,	14.40
	1	Francis Peeso, labor at town farm,	18.00
	1	W. H. Stone, blacksmithing for town farm,	3.70

Oct.	1	H. M. Jepson, work with oxen for town farm,	$ 2.50
	1	R. K. Shumway, lot of rowen for town farm,	3.00
Nov.	1	Francis Peeso, labor at town farm,	18.00
	1	Miss Viola LaPoint, housework at town farm,	21.85
	1	George Peeso, labor at town farm,	9.00
	1	T. D. Potter & Co., lumber and barbed wire for town farm,	26.26
	1	Wm. F. Carter, blacksmithing for town farm,	2.00
	1	E. L. Bishop & Co., ladder and wagon jack,	3.60
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies for Almshouse,	13.27
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies for Almshouse,	14.02
	1	M. G. Ward, fertilizer for town farm,	24.90
Dec.	1	H. L. Pratt, fertilizer for town farm,	7.50
	1	Dexter R. Barnes, sawdust for town farm,	1.00
	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed for town farm,	170.78
	1	Geo. E. Peeso, labor at town farm,	5.75
	1	William Lowel, carpentering at town farm,	9.00
	1	T. D. Potter & Co., lumber, nails, etc., for town farm,	10.77
	1	F. L. Stebbins, lumber, sawing, and supplies for town farm,	31.46
	1	J. W. Jackson, supplies for Almshouse,	8.74
	1	W. L. Sanford, supplies for Almshouse,	17.09
	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies for Almshouse,	11.39

1900.

Jan.	1	F. F. Dewey, supplies for Almshouse,	$ 8.58
	1	F. W. Fellows, supplies for town farm,	6.45
	1	Nelson Blackmer, cutting railroad ties,	25.00
	1	James A. Peeso and wife, warden and matron,	68.75
	1	Clarence Lamson, work on Town Farm,	6.00
	1	Geo. E. Peeso, work on Town Farm,	10.00
	1	Marilla LaPoint, housework at Town Farm,	26.00
	1	Cyrill LaGrand, cutting railroad ties,	20.00
	1	E. Atwood, paint, labor and stock, Town Farm,	11.06
	1	Wm. F. Carter, blacksmithing, Town Farm,	6.15
	1	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance, Town Poor,	29.00
	1	W. H. Stone, horseshoeing, Town Farm,	4.55
Feb.	1	Ludin Antonowing, labor cutting ice, etc.,	8.59
	1	Clarence Lamson, drawing in logs,	9.00
	1	Lula Kimball, services at Town Farm,	8.87
	1	Geo. E. Peeso, services at Town Farm,	10.00
	1	Wm. F. Carter, blacksmithing at Town Farm,	4.50
	1	J. H. Thayer, supplies for Almshouse,	21.48
	1	Geo. E. Sanford, grain and feed, Town Farm,	104.35

Feb.	1	W. H. Stone, shoeing horses, Town Farm,	$ 4.25	
	1	L. E. Ballou, material and labor Town Farm,	6.05	
	1	F. L. Stebbins, fertilizer, Town Farm,	16.11	
	1	Sanford & Stebbins, lumber, Town Farm,	9.20	
	1	Cyrill LaGrand, cutting ties and logs,	25.00	
	1	Guilford & Wood, balance on horses,	140.00	
	15	Charles H. Snow, supplies at Town Farm,	10.45	
	15	W. L. Sanford, supplies for Almshouse,	16.50	
	15	J. W. Jackson, supplies for Almshouse,	5.81	
	15	H. A. Hopkins, supplies for Almshouse,	24.82	
	15	F. W. Fellows, repairing harnesses,	2.05	
	15	C. B. King, M. D., balance due on medical attendance,	8.50	
	15	A. B. Howard, 29 lbs. of butter for Almshouse,	7.25	
	15	E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies for Almshouse,	141.21	
	15	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies for Almshouse,	13.89	
	15	James Peeso, cash for cows,	117.86	
Total expenditures,				$2,578.16

RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Driving hearse for the year,	$60.50
Paid the treasurer by E. A. Farrington,	13.57
Paid the treasurer for board of Mrs. Piper,	90.00
Paid the treasurer for board of Mrs. Ward,	14.00

Received as a legacy for Mrs. Piper,	$287.41	
Received 21,700 5-10 lbs. of cream.		
Cream testing, average 17¼.		
Pounds of butter fat, 3683 2-10.		
Amount received for same, $968.94.		
Less 180 lbs. butter used at Almshouse, value $44.74.		
Cash received for cream,	924.20	
Gain on appraisal of personal property,	228.05	
		$1,617.73
Total expense at Almshouse above receipts,		$ 960.43

Number of tramps lodged for year, 150.

PAUPER OUT ACCOUNT.

Dr.

1899.			
March	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	$ 12.50
	1	Nelson Randall, supplies for Nath. Ripley,	7.95
April	1	Nelson Randall, transportation of the body of Nath. Ripley to Vt.,	12.91
	1	L. A. Smith, burial outfit Nath. Ripley,	16.50
	1	Lewis Babbett, care of insane N. hospital,	125.37
	1	Mary E. Bosquett, care of Mrs. E. Marsh,	6.00
	1	Town of Monson, aid to family John Blakes,	21.40
	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50
May	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50
	1	C. E. Scott, supplies Emmett Marsh,	9.13

May	1	Mary Bosquett, care Mrs. Emmett Marsh,	$ 13.00
June	1	Mary Bosquett, care Mrs. Emmett Marsh,	12.85
	1	C. E. Scott, supplies Mrs. Emmett Marsh,	7.13
	1	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance Mrs. Emmett Marsh,	34.60
	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50
July	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support,	12.50
	1	Lewis Babbett, care of insane N. hospital,	126.75
	1	Mary E. Bosquett, care Mrs. E. Marsh,	8.00
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies E. Marsh,	4.69
Aug.	1	Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance Mrs. E. Marsh,	22.00
	1	D. L. Hazen, supplies E. Marsh,	1.00
	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support 2 children,	8.00
Sept.	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support two children,	8.00
	1	Dr. C. B. King, care of Albert Sullivan,	25.00
	1	Francis Norton, aid to H. B. Moulton,	64.44
Oct.	1	Lewis Babbett, care of Insane N. hospital,	128.13
	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support two children,	8.00
Nov.	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support two children,	8.50
Dec.	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support two children,	8.50

1900				
Jan.	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support two children,	$ 8.50	
	1	Lewis Babbett, care of insane at hospital,	128.13	
Feb.	1	Mrs. Michael Heffernan, partial support two children,	8.50	
	1	M. S. Barton, expense in case L. Howard,	1.84	
		(This charge is refunded by A. B. Howard.)		
	1	L. A. Smith, burial Edwin Bartlett,	18.00	
	15	Harriett N. Clark, care Wilbur Davis, Springfield,	5.00	
	15	C. B. King, M. D., medical attendance of Edwin Bartlett, Granby,	9.00	
	15	C. B. King, M D., three visits to Polander,	3.00	
	15	Wm. E. Bridgman, expense to Hardwick,	5.45	
		Total expenditures,		$937.77

PAUPER OUT ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Due from the state,	$ 2.65	
Received from state,	29.20	
Received from Town of Leverett, Emmett Marsh,	127.37	
Received from Town of Granby, Edwin Bartlett,	44.25	
Received from City of Pittsfield,	25.00	
Due from City of Springfield,	5.00	
Received for support of Nellie Russell,	169.00	
		$402.47
Actual expense of paupers out of Almshouse,		$535.30

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
MYRON S. BARTON,
Overseers of the Poor.

Report of Selectmen.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1900.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

1899.			
March	1	Samuel Allen, superintend't streets last year snow bills amounting to	$431.86
April	1	Daniel Sullivan, shoveling snow,	1.35
May	1	Francis R. Wright, shoveling snow,	2.70
	1	E. C. Witt, superintendent streets, for repairs,	375.00
	1	The town of Palmer painting Bondsville bridge,	10.00
June	1	E. C. Witt, superintendent streets, repairs,	500.00
	1	Henry M. Lamson, building new road,	79.00
July	1	E. C. Witt, superintendent streets, repairs,	735.00
	1	T. D. Potter & Co., supplies for repairs,	53.20
Aug.	1	E. C. Witt, superintendent streets. repairs,	200.00
	1	The town of Palmer, repairs on Mansfield bridge,	107.03
Sept.	1	E. C. Witt, superintendent streets, repairs,	400.00
	1	M. P. Bowler, permanent repairs,	70.15
	1	D. F. Shumway, " "	72.00

Oct.	2 to Dec. 1,	E. C. Witt, permanent and general repairs,	$400.00	
1900.				
Jan.	1	E. C. Witt, superintendent streets, repairs,	35.00	
	1	Samuel Allen, account of George Alexander, 1898,	1.20	
	1	Nelson Randall, repairing water tank,	2.25	
	1	D. F. Shumway, permanent repairs,	28.00	
	1	T. D. Potter & Co., tile, permanent repairs,	14.43	
	1	T. D. Potter & Co., tile and plank, repairs,	4.46	
1899.				
July	1	O. B. Davis, land and fencing some new road,	75.00	
	1	George E. Sanford, putting guard rail on new road,	5.00	
1900.				
Feb.	1	George E. Allen, parts for road scraper,	1.00	
	15	E. C. Witt, superintendent streets, repairs,	29.00	
	15	M. F. Austin, labor on highway, 1898,	2.70	
	Total expenditures,			$3,635.33

Of this amount $439.81 was expended by Samuel Allen for snow bills, etc., paid after Feb. 15th, 1899. And $159 was paid for the new road from Sanford's mill to near the house of O. B. Davis.

Of the above amount expended, $2,685.00 was expended under the direction of E. C. Witt, superintendent of streets. The balance of $351.52 was expended under the direction of the selectmen.

Appropriation for highways, 1899,	$3,500.00	
" " new road,	160.00	
Total appropriation,		$3,660.00
Unexpended balance,		$ 24.67

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
M. S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Report of the Burial Ground Commissioners for the Year Ending Feb. 15th, 1900.

Unexpended balance last year,	$46.28	
Appropriation for the year 1899,	40.00	
		$86.28
Paid David R. Ward, for mowing West Hill cemetery,	$1.50	
David R. Ward, for mowing Blue Meadow cemetery,	1.00	
David R. Ward, for mowing Union cemetery,	2.50	
H. S. Pratt, for mowing Lake Vale cemetery,	4.50	
Merrick Whitemore, mowing South Center cemetery,	6.00	
E. S. Lane, for mowing Holyoke and Liberty cemeteries,	4.50	
E. S. Lane, 12 posts at 14 cents,	1.68	
E. S. Lane, labor and paint,	11.75	
David R. Ward, labor staking lots and straightening stones,	10.75	
Nelson Randall for labor staking lots and straightening monuments,	10.75	
David R. Ward, lumber for stakes,	2.25	
		57.18
Unexpended balance,		$29.10

E. S. LANE,
D. R. WARD,
NELSON RANDALL,
Burial Ground Commissioners.

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1900.

1899.				
June	1	Joseph LaGrand, drawing gravel,	$36.50	
	1	M. S. Barton, paid for labor and freight,	4.52	
	1	H. M. Dunbar, labor grading walk,	43.65	
	1	Martin Craw, grading walk,	1.50	
	1	L. C. Hill, for 1827½ yds concrete,	646.60	
July	1	F. G. Shaw, labor cleaning streets,	1.75	
				$734.52
		Appropriation for walks, 1899,	$540.00	
		Received from Abuttors,	125.24	
		D. P. Clapp,	21.15	
		John Anderson,	17.00	
				703.39
		In excess of appropriation,		$ 31.13

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
M. S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Collector's Report.

The amount committed to your collector as per assessors' warrant, dated June 27th, 1899 was		$13,814.53
Amount of added assessments and reassessments committed as per warrant of assessors, dated Jan. 1st, 1900 was		70.45
Total,		$13,884.98
He has collected and paid to the treasurer,	$13,007.22	
He has allowed a discount to tax payers according to vote of the town, amounting to	463.46	
		$13,470.68
Balance in collector's hands,	$414.30	

A sidewalk tax was assessed amounting to		$127.41
Of this amount there was abated,	$ 4.00	
The sum allowed for discount was	2.17	
Amount collected and paid treasurer,	121.24	
		$127.41

SAMUEL ALLEN, *Collector.*

Town Account.

For the year ending Feb. 15th, 1900.

1899.			
March	1	Dr. G. F. Thomson, returning births,	$ 4.50
	1	D. F. Shumway, Pres., for services of police at agricultural fair, 1898,	11.00
	1	Mrs. C. E. Scott, administering oath,	2.00
	1	F. B. Purdy, taking photos of road,	1.00
	1	N. Randall, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	9.09
April	1	F. A. Bridgman, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	M. A. Dickinson, services as election officer,	3.00
	1	H. D. Hoag, repairing Town House roof,	4.55
	1	C. B. Fiske & Co., printing town reports and ballots,	41.80
	1	Wm. A. Snow, burial agent, Thomas Jencks,	35.00
	1	W. H. Bliss, M. D., returning births,	.75
	1	C. B. King, M. D., returning births and auditing town account,	2.75
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	12.00
	1	Mrs. Clara Duncan, half expense concrete walk,	16.85
May	1	C. E. Scott, supplies for town clerk,	8.56
	1	F. L. Stebbins, field books for assessors,	2.30
	1	Wm. H. Bridgman, rebate on concrete walk,	12.07
	1	W. M. Goodell, abatements on tax 1898,	2.40
June	1	A. W. Morse, appropriation for memorial,	100.00
	1	Arthur Mellen, work in Mt. Hope cemetery,	13.00

June	1	G. H. B. Greene, services as moderator,	$ 3.00
	1	Estate of John Shea, 1st abatement of tax 1898,	9.60
July	1	F. B. Purdy, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	F. F. Dewey, services as election officer,	1.50
Aug.	1	M. A. Morse, services as school committee,	18.00
Sept.	1	H. E. Atwood, help to move safe to Town house,	.60
	1	M. J. Sullivan, damage to team on highway,	2.00
	1	Charles H. Randall, services as assessor,	75.00
	1	F. L. Stebbins, services as assessor,	75.00
	1	F. B. Alden, services as assessor,	75.00
	1	F. L. Stebbins, assessors' books and telephoning,	1.57
	1	G. H. B. Greene, services as school committee,	25.00
	1	M. S. Barton, services as collector 1898.	75.00
Sept.	1	John Garvey, abatement on tax, 1899,	2.80
	1	Frederick Fleming, abatement on tax, 1899,	4.44
	1	Mrs. David Dwight, abatement on tax, 1899,	7.40
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	50.00
	1	Nelson Randall, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	48.85
	1	M. S. Barton, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	20.00
Oct.	1	Town of Belmont, chemical engine,	125.00
	1	Arthur Mellen, care of lots in cemetery,	6.00
	1	C. E. Scott, express, etc.,	5.00
Nov.	1	Wm. Boyce, watchman, fire ruins,	2.00
	1	Mrs. M. D. S. Longley, services as school committee,	40.00
	1	C. B. Fiske & Co., printing assessors' report,	50.00
	1	M. F. Austin, services as Constable,	2.00
	1	Kircoes Anxtonie, abatement on tax, 1899,	2.00
	1	W. M. Goodell, abatement on tax, 1899,	2.22
	1	Ephraim Sabin, abatement on tax, 1899,	6.66
	1	M. S. Barton, abatement on several taxes, 1898,	57.84

Nov.	1	T. W. Chapman, abatement on sidewalk taxes, 1898,	$ 1.00
Dec.	1	Wm. A. Snow, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	F. F. Dewey, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	A. E. Warner, watchman, fire ruins,	2.00
	1	Arthur Bridgman, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	F. B. Purdy, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	R. K. Shumway, services as registrar,	12.00
	1	C. W. Alden, abatement on tax, 1899,	1.48
	1	Alden & Brothers, " " " "	2.96
	1	E. F. Towne and wife, abatement on sidewalk tax, 1899,	4.00
	1	Jason Hurlbert, abatement on sidewalk tax, 1899,	5.18
	1	Mrs. Wm. Stone, abatement on sidewalk tax, 1899,	7.40
	1	Guy C. Allen, abatement on several taxes, 1895,	32.26
	1	Guy C. Allen, abatement on several taxes, 1896,	97.12
	20	Guy C. Allen, abatement on several taxes, 1897,	171.12
	20	Belchertown Boot & Shoe Mfg. Co., abatement tax 1899,	32.56
1900.			
Jan.	1	Miss M. C. King, lighting streets,	100.00
	1	C. E. Scott, binding town books, and sundries,	15.88
	1	M. A. Morse, services as School Committee,	55.00
	1	Wm. E. Bridgman, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	50.00
	1	Nelson Randall, services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	17.00
	1	Arthur Bridgman to Wm. A. Snow, Burial Agt., Henry Mellen,	35.00
	1	J. B. Markham, freight, fire apparatus,	10.80
	1	L. W. Dillon, pump, freight and expense to Boston,	12.62
	1	L. W. Goodell, abatement on tax 1899,	42.92
	1	W. M. Goodell, abatement on tax 1899,	7.40

Jan.	1	Lewis Allen, abatement on tax 1899,	$ 4.44
Feb.	1	F. A. Prouty, care of town clock and ringing the bell for the year,	48.00
	1	F. G. Shaw, cartage for the town,	2.50
	1	A. B. Shaw, services as registrar,	11.00
	1	Asa C. Smith, " " election officer,	4.50
	1	Frank B. Alden," " assessor,	10.00
	1	M. S. Barton, " " constable,	30.13
	1	C. W. H. Moulton, fire engine and supplies,	646.00
	1	J. B. Markham, freight on engine and supplies,	10.09
	1	F. L. Stebbins, services as assessor,	15.00
	1	C. H. Randall, " " "	10.00
	1	H. A. Smith, M. D., returning births,	3.00
	1	C. B. Fiske & Co., printing voters' list,	11.50
	1	M. S. Barton, abatement on several taxes, 1898,	63.52
	15	H. A. Smith, returning deaths,	7.75
	15	Oliver Shannon, services as registrar,	14.00
	15	D. P. Clapp, Treas. Memorial Library, Dog fund,	354.74
	15	E. C. Howard, printing measles cards,	1.00
	15	G. H. B. Greene, services as committee,	68.00
	15	C. E. Scott, services as town clerk and return of births, marriages and deaths,	96.50
	15	Wm. B. Shaw, repairing town pump,	4.35
	15	Mrs. M. D. S. Longley, services as committee,	45.00
	15	M. G. Ward, services as election officer,	3.00
	15	M. P. Bowler, " " " "	3.00
	15	Arthur Bridgman, car fare, postage, etc.,	12.06
	15	E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies for town hall,	1.05
	15	Wm. E. Bridgman, insurance town hall,	16.25
	15	" " expense on tile, etc.,	1.25
	15	" " balance for services as selectman and overseer of poor, etc.,	42.85
	15	Scrawnage Brothers, repairing chemical engine,	23.50
	15	Nelson Randall, services as selectman, overseer of poor and expense,	33.56
	15	Dr. Geo. F. Thomson, returning 17 births,	4.25
	15	Samuel Allen, abatements several taxes 1899,	76.25
	15	Samuel Allen, discount on taxes	463.46

Feb.	15	M. S. Barton, balance services as selectman and overseer of the poor,		$ 47.82
	15	M. S. Barton, abatement of 2 taxes,		6.64
	15	Guy C. Allen, abatement of taxes,		17.71
	15	M. S. Barton, balance for collecting taxes for 1898,		25.00
	15	G. C. Allen, for collecting taxes left at time of Wm. Burnett's death,		50.00
	15	G. C. Allen, cattle inspector, 1898 and 1899,		125.00
	15	Guy C. Allen, collector of taxes 1897,		100.00
				$4,314.47
Deducting from above amount				
		The dog fund paid to Library,	$354.74	
		For lighting street lamps,	100.00	
		For Memorial Day,	100.00	
		Discount on taxes,	463.46	
		Abatement of taxes,	668.32	
		Paid for collecting taxes,	250.00	
		Paid for cattle inspection,	125.00	
		Fire apparatus, freight and other expenses,	812.09	
				$2,873.61
Leaving as ordinary town expenses,				$1,440.86
Expense of paupers at Almshouse,				960.43
Expense of paupers out of Almshouse,				535.30
Total town and pauper expenses,				$2,936.59
Amount of appropriation,			$3,500.00	
Less town and pauper expenses,			2,936.59	
		Unexpended balance,	$563.41	

Paid bills approved by the school committee on school accounts, $4,955.51

And on bills for repairs, furnishings and supplies, $826.73

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
M. S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from the State for State Aid,	$1,416.00	
" " State Paupers,	2.65	
On note of Mrs. Piper,	25.00	
From City of Springfield,	5.00	
Samuel Allen, Collector,	414.30	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	3,009.35	
A lot of R. R. ties, inspected,	200.00	
A lot of logs delivered at saw mills,	150.00	
		$5,222.30

779 Orders issued, amounting to	$19,254.42
Amount paid by Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, 1900,	$19,254.42

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
M. S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Belchertown, Mass., Feb. 20th, 1900.

I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Belchertown, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the treasury cash on hand and bank deposits to the amount of $3,009.35.

C. B. KING, *Auditor.*

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

VITAL STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January,	3	April,	5	July,	3	October,	5
February,	6	May,	1	August,	9	November,	1
March,	2	June,	2	September,	4	December,	3

Males, 21; Females, 22; Total, 43.

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions recorded,			24
Number of marriages recorded,			24
First marriage,	Males, 13;	Females,	15
Second marriage,	Males, 3;	Females,	3
Third marriage,	Males, 2;	Females,	0
Youngest male married,			19
Youngest female married,			17
Oldest male married,			55
Oldest female married,			51

DEATHS.

January,	4	April,	2	July,	5	October,	3
February,	3	May,	4	August,	1	November,	2
March,	4	June,	7	September,	3	December,	2

Males, 22; Females, 18; Total, 40.

Native born, 37; Foreign born, 3.

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Lung Disease,	8	Heart disease,	4
Incidental to old age,	3	Diphtheria,	1

Other causes, 24.

Number of town meetings during the year,	5
Mortgages recorded during the year 1899,	13
Bills of sale,	1
Writs of attachment,	1
Married woman's certificate,	1

DOGS LICENSED.

Whole number, 202.

Males, 180 at $2.00 each,	$360.00	
Females, 22 at $5.00 each,	$110.00	
		$470.00

Paid the above amount (less fees), to county treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. SCOTT, *Town Clerk.*

RETURN OF BIRTHS—1899.

H. A. Smith,	12
G. F. Thompson,	18
W. B. Segur,	1
W. D. Randolf,	1
R. E. Dickson,	5
C. B. King,	3
W. H. Bliss,	1
F. M. Gould,	1
Wesley Bridge, Orange,	1

A true copy, attest:

C. E. SCOTT, *Town Clerk.*

List of Jurors.

M. W. Bardwell,
A. H. Hubbard,
Arthur Bridgman,
A. L. Pratt,
D. F. Shumway,
A. W. Morse,
Edgar S. Lane,
Wm. B. Shaw,
F. W. Fellows,
Oliver Shannon,
Roswell Allen,
G. H. B. Green,
Michael F. Austin, 1st,
D. D. Hazen,
F. B. Purdy,
Alden Day,
Nelson Randall,
Geo. M. Fisher,
Irving Mills,
Geo. W. Canterbury,
Guy C. Allen, Jr,
Edward Gay,
Herbert F. Shaw,
J. W. Jackson,
Eugene Randall,
Wm. E. Bridgman,
F. F. Dewey,
Melvin W. Ayers,
F. H. Bridgman,
William Belden,
A. B. Howard,
E. B. Sanford,
R. K. Shumway,
D. R. Ward,
Geo. S. Warner,
H. A. Hopkins.

Report of School Committee.

At different times in the year, owing to prevailing illness, work in some schools has been very much interrupted. In one or two cases the terms have not been of the usual length. This time may be made up in the coming year.

In presenting this report we record with sadness the death of Marie Hopkins, a member of the sophomore class of the High school. In silent grief we pause at the grave of one so bright and fair, then turn away with aspirations for a nobler, truer and less selfish life.

With all the other lessons to be learned from the discipline of life, are those of sympathy and love, which are taught by such sad bereavements.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1899,	$1,747.75	
Appropriation March 6, 1899,	4,350.00	
Received from state school fund,	394.38	
" for state wards,	768.50	
" from Bridgman high school fund,	242.40	
Due tuition from Ludlow,	7.00	
		$7,510.03

EXPENDED.

Teachers' wages from treasury,	$4,639.82	
" " " Bridgman fund,	242.40	
Paid for fuel,	211.19	
" janitors,	104.25	
Unexpended balance,	2,312.37	
		$7,510.03

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	$450.00	
Received for books sold,	4.09	
Expended in excess of appropriation,	43.69	
		$497.78
Paid for book and supplies,		$497.78

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation,		$450.00
Expended for same,	$321.95	
Unexpended balance,	128.05	
		$450.00

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance February 15, 1899,	$100.00
Unexpended balance February 15, 1900,	$100.00

DETAILED STATEMENT.

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

High School,	C. A. Guild,	37	w'ks at	22.22\frac{2}{9}$	$822.22
"	Minna L. Dana,	37	"	10.00	370.00
Center Grammar,	Ida L. Shaw,	32	"	10.00	320.00
Center Primary,	Louise E. Allen,	32	"	10.00	320.00
Center South,	Edith Towne,	11	"	6.50	71.50
"	Rose M. Olds,	21	"	7.00	147.00
Mill Valley,	Belle Snow,	10	"	5.00	50.00
"	Julia Austin,	10	"	5.00	50.00
Cold Spring,	Nettie M. Shaw,	10	"	5.50	55.00
"	Lizzie M. Bartlett,	20	"	7.50	150.00
Franklin Grammar,	Josie V. Sullivan,	11	"	7.50	82.50
"	Nettie M. Shaw,	21	"	6.00	126 00
Franklin Primary,	Nellie Landers,	11	"	7.50	82.50
"	"	21	"	8.00	168.00
Liberty,	Mabel Alley,	11	"	5.00	55.00
"	Nellie Sullivan,	21	"	6.50	136.50

Washington,	Nellie Sullivan,	11	w'ks at $	5.50	$60.50
"	Belle Snow,	21	"	5.00	105.00
Chestnut Hill,	Ruby F. Knight,	30	"	6.50	195.00
Holyoke,	Fannie Doherty,	11	"	5.00	55.00
"	Vera Cummings,	11	"	5.00	55.00
"	A. E. Pease,	10	"	7.00	70.00
Federal,	Julia Smith,	32	"	6.50	208.00
Lake Vale,	Libbie C. Gutberlett,	32	"	6.50	208.00
Union,	Luella P. Hawkes,	32	"	7.50	240.00
West Hill,	Genina M. Kimball,	11	"	5.00	55.00
"	Alma Gold,	12	"	5.00	60.00
"	Lulu Austin,	5	"	5.00	25.00
East Hill,	Susan E. Sadler,	23	"	5.00	115.00
"	Bertha Clark,	9	"	5.00	45.00
Laurel,	Rose M. Olds,	11	"	6.50	71.50
"	Edith Towne,	21	"	6.50	136 50
Blue Meadow,	Grace A. Fisher,	21	"	6.50	136.50
"	Vera Cummings,	7	"	5.00	35.00
					$4,882.22
Less Bridgman High school fund,					242.40
Cost of teaching to the town,					$4,639.82

FUEL.

J. A. Peeso,	$60.56
Sanford & Stebbins,	26.75
A. E. Flury,	16.50
David R. Ward,	14.25
F. L. Stebbins,	13.88
M. W. Bardwell,	13.75
Maurice Moriarty,	13.50
Geo. E. Sanford,	12.75
Geo. R. Dickinson,	11.00
Napoleon Antonavitz,	8.00
Geo. B. Weston,	7.50
E. T. Kimball,	2.50
C. H. Pease,	2.00

Daniel Sullivan,	$ 2.00	
E. A. Randall,	1.75	
C. H. Walker,	1.75	
John Dulean,	1.50	
Mrs. M. S. Longley,	.75	
H. T. Filer,	.50	
		$211.19

JANITOR'S SERVICES.

High and Center schools,	$70.00	
District schools,	34.25	
		$104.25
Total paid on school account from treasury,	$4,955.26	
Paid from Bridgman fund,	242.40	
		$5,197.66

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	$450.00	
Received for books, etc. sold,	4.09	
Expended in excess of appropriation,	43.69	
		$497.78

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Bartlett,	$70.61	
American Book Co.,	54.19	
B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	4.17	
Butler, Sheldon & Co.,	77.25	
Ginn & Co.,	44.94	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	7.79	
J. B. Lippincott,	2.70	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	3.00	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	25.76	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	10.08	
Rand, McNally & Co.,	63.84	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	19.40	
Thomas R. Shewell & Co.,	105.05	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	9.00	
		$497.78

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

Appropriation,		$450.00
EXPENDED.		
E. F. Towne, lumber and repairs at South Center,	$35.02	
Rufus Capen, lumber and repairs at Cold Spring,	26.44	
Geo. W. Canterbury, repairing damage by lightning at Franklin,	10.00	
Geo. W. Canterbury, general repairs at Franklin,	3.75	
B. C. Davis, shingling schoolhouse at Blue Meadow,	41.32	
Mr. Flaherty, repairs at Cold Spring,	2.25	
F. A. Randolph, repairs at Blue Meadow,	.75	
F. R. Wright, repairs at Liberty,	2.24	
Henry McKellup, repairs at Holyoke,	1.50	
Geo. R. Dickinson, repairs at Lake Vale,	.75	
H. D. Hoag, repairs in 1898,	.75	
Oliver Shannon, repairs at Laurel,	1.79	
J. T. Geer, repairs at Liberty,	7.79	
E. T. Kimball, repairs at East Hill,	1.15	
Thomas Sullivan, repairs,	2.50	
Wm. Bell, repairs at high school,	6.00	
D. L. Hazen, paint for high school,	17.65	
Geo. Kelley, painting at high school,	28.00	
P. H. Potter, lumber for high school,	5.25	
Mrs. Longley, paid for sundry repairs,	1.65	
Geo. H. B. Greene, paid for sundry repairs,	6.12	
Geo. S. Perry, desks for high school,	19.95	
Iva G. White, 40 yards border for Union school,	1.25	
Oliver Hyde, chairs,	1.75	
B. L. Thresher, agent, stove and zinc for Blue Meadow,	14.43	
B. L. Thresher, agent, sundry repairs,	4.45	
Geo. Kelley, painting roof to primary school,	5.90	

Mrs. Pierce, cleaning grammar school room,	2.25	
M. A. Whitemore, cleaning vaults,	8.25	
C. H. Snow, disinfectants,	3.00	
C. B. Fiske, printing programmes,	15.00	
E. C. Howard, printing examination papers,	3.75	
W. A. Ross, lettering diplomas,	7.50	
E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies,	5.08	
H. A. Hopkins, supplies,	2.30	
Jerry Shea, transporting children to teachers' meeting,	2.50	
F. G. Shaw, freight, express and cartage,	3.65	
Geo. H. B. Greene, freight, express, cartage and supplies,	18.27	
	$321.95	
Unexpended balance,	128.05	
		$450.00

SALARY OF COMMITTEE.

M. A. Morse,	$73.00	
Maria S. Longley,	85.00	
Geo. H. B. Greene,	93.00	
		$251.00

SALARY OF TRUANT OFFICER.

Myron S. Barton,	$7.00

BILLS APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charged to school account,	$4,955.26	
Charged to town account,	826.73	
		$5,781.99

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled,	512
" " between 5 and 15,	464
" " between 8 and 14,	315
" " under 5,	12
" " over 15,	37
Perfect in attendance one year,	15
" " two terms,	49
" " one term,	104
Average wages of High school teacher per month,	88.88\frac{8}{9}$
" " assistant high school teacher per month,	40.00
" " male teachers in common schools,	28.00
" " female teachers in common schools,	26.70

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1900.

For support of schools,	$4,200.00
For books and supplies,	500.00
For repairing and painting school houses,	400.00

M. A. MORSE,
M. D. S. LONGLEY,
GEO. H. B. GREENE,
} *School Committee of Belchertown.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number.	No. enrolled.	No. under 5	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 8 and 14.	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.
High	92	63	0	34	29	10	56	50	73	70	60	49
Center Grammar	35	35	0	1	34	34	31	28	32	31	25	23
Center Primary	51	50	0	0	50	25	45	41	34	31	28	24
Center South	35	27	1	0	24	17	22	21	27	24	24	20
Mill Valley	10	7	2	0	5	4	5	5	....	....	5	5
Cold Spring	31	27	0	0	27	17	19	11	27	23	23	20
Franklin Grammar	20	14	0	0	14	14	14	13	16	14	14	9
Franklin Primary	47	47	3	0	44	23	31	30	33	30	28	26
Liberty	30	30	1	0	29	18	18	15	22	22	16	16
Washington	18	17	1	0	16	11	10	9	8	8	6	5
Chestnut Hill	30	30	0	0	30	23	27	23	22	20	17	15
Holyoke	26	26	2	0	24	17	22	20	22	21	19	15
Federal	21	20	0	0	20	17	16	14	14	13	13	11
Lake Vale	20	20	0	1	19	13	15	14	17	14	14	11
Union	31	29	1	0	30	25	24	22	20	19	18	16
West Hill	10	10	0	0	10	6	6	6	4	4	3	3
East Hill	17	16	0	1	16	11	15	14	13	10	12	11
Laurel	22	22	1	0	21	13	14	11	16	14	14	12
Blue Meadow	22	22	0	0	22	17	21	20	19	18	18	17
	568	512	12	37	464	315						

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE TERMS.

Mennie Moriarty,
Louise M. Austin,
Charles Austin,
Nellie Keys,
Fred Rogers,
Eddie Rogers,
Joseph Murphy,
Lucy Geer.
Maud A. Austin,
Raymond Austin,
Florence Gould,
Willie Keys,
Wilbur Rogers,
George Morency,
Cyril Cortlandt,

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Theresa Granfield,
Ella Moriarty,
Abby Sullivan,
Harry W. Austin,
Grace Thayer,
Agnes Thayer,
Katie Shea,
Frank Peeso,
Nellie Sullivan,
William Moriarty,
Paul Mott,
Flora M. Dodd,
Fred Randolph,
Luther Holland,
Lewis Blackmer,
Bridget Fitzgerald,
Mabel Geer,
Katherine Moriarty,
Estella Hanson,
John Sullivan,
Henry Eno,
Fannie Thayer,
Gerald Fitzgerald,
Herbert Peeso,
Fred M. Wright,
Daisy B. Canterbury,
Richard Michel,
Doris Spellman,
Josie Austin,
Frank Bardwell,
Carrie Holland,
Robert Cumming,
Vianna Bridgman,
Mabel Peverall,

Francis Austin,
Michael Bowler,
Albert Fleury,
Esther Fay,
Bessie Randolph,
Samuel Wilcox,
Charles Kimball,
Belmont Miller.
John Austin,
Thomas Brown,
Clarence Peverall,
Laura Goodell,
Walter Goodell,
Joseph Crowley,
Merton Marshall,

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Margaret Moriarty,
Eugene Sullivan,
James Sullivan,
Pauline Lincourt,
Ethel Doherty,
Grace Whitehouse,
George Lemay,
Richard Collins,
Louis Guild,
Theron Pratt,
Thomas Sullivan,
Lula Shea,
Lizzie Shea,
Anna Kulic,
Frank Whedyka,
George Shea,
Joe Yoper,
Herbert Canterbury,
Jeremiah Sullivan,
George Shea,
Eddie Whedyka,
Iva Damon,
Clifton Hamilton,
William Shaw,
Fred Michel,
Stanley Bridgman,
Raymond Gould,
Grover Snow,
Kate Austin,
Edna Peck,
Frank Sullivan,
William Sullivan,
Lena Doherty,
Gladys Doherty,
Dorothy Finch,
David Faber,
Alice Guild,
Amy Pratt,
Robert Briggs,
Julia O'Connor,
Myra Whedyka,
Minnie Shea,
Theresa Moriarty,
Patsy Keys,
Chester Canterbury,
Nellie Dudley,
Lutna Canterbury,
Daniel O'Connor,
Willie Whedyka,
Vera Atwood,
Clinton Hamilton,
Martha Michel,
Jasper Fairchild,
Roland Shaw,
Alice Clifford,
Pearl Shumway,
Joseph Drohan,
John Austin,

Arthur Randall,
Favill Randolph,
Ray Turner,
Lizzie L. Fyler,
Florence Corey,
Leon Aldrich,
Emma Dillon,
Maydell Davis,
Estella Main,
Clara Pierce,
Nellie Shea,
Margaret Stevenson,
George Green,
Marie Hopkins,
Iola Jepson,
Almon Damon,
Ellen O'Connor,
Alice Geer,
Thomas Bowler,
Michael McKellop,
Edna Freeman,
John Fay,
Samuel Wilson,
Raymond Randall,
Albert Mowitt,
Clara LeGrand,
Cora B. Corey,
Frank Randall,
Mary Carmody,
Walter Damon,
John LeGrand,
Bertha Peeso,
Mary Riley,
Florence Morrison,
Lulu Austin,
Dwight Jepson,
Ella Sadler,
Mary Sullivan,
Maud Dorman,
Zenaphile LeGrand,
Everett Geer,
Robert Alden,
Rachel Fay,
Lucy Randolph,
John O'Brien,
Lester Worthington.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss
HAMPSHIRE, }

To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the Fifth day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3 To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; one School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town; vote "Yes" or "No," all on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4th, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: Three Fence Viewers, Eight Measurers of Wood, Eight Surveyors of Lumber, Six Field Drivers, Two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 330 of the Acts of 1899, and Elect by Ballot each year a Tree Warden, to serve for one year.

ART. 6. To raise money for the support of schools.

ART. 7. To raise money for the purchase of school books and other supplies, also for the transportation of scholars, if necessary.

ART. 8. To see if the town shall raise money for repairs and furnishing school houses.

ART. 9. To raise money to defray town and pauper expenses.

ART. 10. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to see if any part of said money be paid for permanent improvements.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize its Collector to use all the means for collecting taxes that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing and keeping in repair the several town burying grounds.

ART. 13. To see if the town will construct a concrete sidewalk from the point where the present walk terminates, next the premises of E. B. Hitchcock, to a point about 80 feet easterly of the southwest corner of land of D. P. Spencer, on the northerly side of the highway leading past the house of said Spencer, and raise money for the same, agreeably to a petition of D. P. Spencer and 15 others.

ART. 14. To see if the town will construct a concrete walk on the highway leading from Bondsville to Belchertown from the railroad crossing at a point near the house of Widow Michael Sullivan, to the house of John Garvey, a distance of about 150 yards, also to lay an 18-inch pipe from the highway to the River, a distance of about 100 feet, and raise money for the same, agreeably to a petition of Jerry Sullivan and 11 others.

ART 15. To see if the town will establish a Precinct district, and polling place in the south part of the town, for the convenience of the Voters on National and State Elections, agreeably to a petition of George W. Canterbury and 11 others.

ART 16. To see if the town will raise the sum of One Hundred Dollars to aid the Ladies' Guild in maintaining, and lighting the street lamps in the Village of Belchertown, agreeably to a petition of L. W. Dillon and 9 others.

ART 17. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid to its collector on or before certain specified times and act thereon.

ART 18. To see if the town will authorize its Collector to charge interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent per annum, on all taxes remaining unpaid after Dec. 1st of the current year.

ART 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use and care of the town house.

ART 20. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell, care for the town clock, and drive the hearse for the year ensuing.

ART 21. To see if the town will authorize the Chairman of Selectmen, and Treasurer, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART 22. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART 23. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards.

ART 24. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to procure a New Safe for the Town Clerk, and raise money for the same.

ART 25. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to erect a building for the Fire Department, on the ground between the Town House and the Congregational Church, or some other suitable location.

ART 26. To see if the town will vote to accept and widen the highway known as New Street, beginning at the Northeast corner of land of L. W. Dillon and running Westerly to the Street known as North Main Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise money for the same, and adjourn this meeting to the 19th inst. at 2 o'clock p. m., to act on this article.

ART 27. To see if the town will raise the sum of Fifty Dollars, to procure New Lights, and make necessary repairs in town Hall.

ART. 28. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to purchase a new road scraper, and raise money for the same.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to extend the concrete walk from the northeast corner of R. K. Shumway's house lot to the northeast corner of Sanford and Dillon's E. F. Smith lot, and raise money for the same.

ART. 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 3 o'clock p. m., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one on the depot at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, ten days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1900.

WM. E. BRIDGMAN,
NELSON RANDALL,
MYRON S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

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Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	$735,720.00	
Valuation of personal estate,	113,130.00	
		$848,850.00
Tax on real estate,	$12,065.81	
Tax on personal estate,	1,855.33	
Tax on polls,	1,138.00	
		$15,059.14

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS:

For support of schools,	$4,200.00	
School supplies,	500.00	
" repairs and furnishings,	400.00	
Town and pauper expenses,	2,900.00	
Highway and bridges,	4,000.00	
Care of burial grounds,	40.00	
Guild,	100.00	
Safe,	200.00	
Lamps and repairs on Town House,	50.00	
Road scraper,	200.00	
Concrete walks,	30.00	
Sewer and walks, South Belchertown,	150.00	
County tax,	1,670.76	
State tax,	510.00	
		$14,950.76
Overlayings,		108.38
		$15,059.14

Rate per $1000.00, $16.40.	
Residents assessed on property,	501
Non-residents assessed on property,	146
Persons paying poll tax only,	182
Number of acres of land assessed,	32,351
Horses,	593
Cows,	1,431
Neat cattle other than cows,	552
Sheep,	24
Swine,	152
Fowls,	3,500

F. L. STEBBINS,
C. H. RANDALL,
F. B. ALDEN,
} *Assessors of Belchertown.*

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

1900.			
Feb.	16	Balance due on settlement,	$3,009.35
	19	Cash of Samuel Allen, account roads,	1.70
	20	A. B. Howard,	1.84
	20	Town of Ludlow, account of school,	7.00
	27	Michael F. Austin, butcher license,	1.00
	27	Nelson Randall, Creamery Co.,	97.07
March	6	Samuel Allen,	156.11
	17	State Treasurer Corporation,	43.66
April	2	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	88.91
	2	J. E. Clark, fine of George S. Gould,	10.00
	10	H. H. Chilson, fine District Court,	10.00
	12	James A. Peeso, for R. R. ties,	178.29
	19	Samuel Allen,	43.10
May	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	89.08
	1	James A. Peeso,	97.83
	2	C. H. Snow, liquor license,	1.00
	2	James A. Peeso,	432.30
	5	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	8	H. M. Jepson, butcher license,	1.00
	14	Samuel Allen,	160.00
	14	M. S. Barton, from Town Farm,	75.00
	18	State Treasurer, support state pauper,	2.65
June	1	Myron Pratt,	4.50
	2	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	56.51
	14	Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
	15	State Treasurer, education of state children,	624.50

July	2	Cash of M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	$ 72.30
	3	Use of hearse,	2.00
	6	Town of Sunderland,	18.50
	7	Guy C. Allen, auctioneer license,	2.00
	9	A. H. Manee, for school book,	.58
	18	F. J. Berry, for cow,	40.00
	25	Boston & Maine R. R., for ties,	137.02
	28	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	47.52
Aug.	1	L. A. Smith, account fire dep't.,	25.00
	1	D. P. Clapp, " " "	25.00
	4	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42. 25
	8	Samuel Allen,	6.00
	8	Town of Petersham,	26.25
	22	Home Insurance Co., damage on Almshouse,	16.00
	30	Amherst Bank,	1,000.00
	30	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	26.08
Sept.	12	D. F. Shumway,	164.04
	13	Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
	13	M. S. Barton, support of Mrs. Piper,	23.14
	18	D. F. Shumway,	225.59
	22	L. W. Dillon, account fire dep't.,	100.00
	22	J. M. Clough, " " "	50.00
	22	Interest, " " "	3.00
	22	D. F. Shumway,	332.32
	24	Town of Pelham,	1.70
	29	Frank LeGrand, wood from Town Farm,	92.00
	29	D. F. Shumway,	311.01
Oct.	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	29.02
	2	Amherst Bank,	1,500.00
	5	A. H. Bartlett,	1.76
	6	D. F. Shumway,	341.73
	13	" "	743.95
	20	Boston & Maine R. R., for ties,	85.41
	20	D. F. Shumway,	335.00
	29	" "	300.54

Nov.	1	Cash of M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	$ 36.18
	2	D. F. Shumway,	182.86
	3	State Treasurer, insurance of animals,	62.50
	9	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	9	D. F. Shumway,	345.00
	15	Town of Pelham,	14.96
	17	D. F. Shumway,	438.98
	23	Town of Petersham,	19.69
	24	D. F. Shumway,	473.06
	29	" "	306.76
Dec.	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	59.31
	1	Sanford & Stebbins, for logs,	71.21
	1	D. F. Shumway,	280.56
	8	A. B. Howard, for wood,	5.50
	8	D. F. Shumway,	720.00
	11	Corporation tax,	293.42
	11	National Bank tax,	332.64
	11	State Aid,	1,214.50
	11	Support of state pauper,	25.39
	11	Burial " "	15.00
	11	Burial of soldiers and sailors,	70.00
	14	D. F. Shumway,	600.00
	15	" "	280.86
	22	" "	551.35
	29	" "	1,171.55
	31	" "	1,696.03
1901.			
Jan.	1	Cash of F. J. Berry,	56.00
	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	79.19
	1	D. F. Shumway,	691.05
	2	J. E. Clark, fine of Oliver Peck,	10.00
	2	D. F. Shumway,	492.64
	5	" "	597.43
	7	Town of Pelham,	27.82
	8	Town of Petersham,	13.07
	11	H. H. Chilson, fine District Court,	6.00
	12	D. F. Shumway,	267.60
	14	County Treasurer, dog fund,	379.39

Jan.	19	Cash of D. F. Shumway,	$615.36
	26	State Treasurer, support state pauper,	5.25
	26	" " income Mass. School Fund,	428.58
	26	D. F. Shumway,	780.61
	31	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co..	51.50
Feb.	1	D. F. Shumway,	216.13
	1	Myron Pratt,	1.80
	7	F. J. Berry,	61.00
	9	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	9	N. Randall, admr., estate of Laura Newell,	37.25
	11	G. H. B. Greene, school supplies,	.25
	11	Samuel Allen,	20.04
	12	Town of Petersham,	6.65
	15	Frank LeGrand, wood from Town Farm,	36.00
	15	F. J. Berry, driving hearse,	41.00
	15	D. F. Shumway,	651.22
			$32,286.00

1900.

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March	1	Cash paid M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 1 case,	$ 6.67
	14	For Town seal,	3.00
April	18	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 1 case,	8.21
May	2	State Treasurer, account liquor licence,	.25
June	7	T. A. Orcutt, services in District Court, 1 case,	1.64
	14	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	30.00
July	3	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 2 cases,	22.27
Aug.	13	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 1 case,	5.90
	30	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	10.00

Sept.	13	Cash paid Note at Amherst Bank,	$3,000.00
	13	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	30.00
Oct.	2	" " " "	16.88
	2	E. H. Banister, County tax,	1670.76
Nov.	9	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 6 cases,	36.35
	9	D. H. Tillson, services in District Court, 2 cases,	25.92
	9	D. F. Shumway, services in District Court, 1 case,	5.30
	30	Note at Amherst Bank,	1,000.00
Dec.	11	State tax,	510.00
	14	Note at Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
	24	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 8 cases,	30.02
	1901.		
Jan.	2	Note at Amherst Bank,	1,500.00
Feb.	16	Town Orders Selectmen,	18,209.74
		Services as treasurer,	100.00
		Cash on hand,	3,063.09
			$32,286.00

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1901.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN FARM AND PROPERTY CONNECTED WITH THE SAME.

Home farm and buildings,	$5,000.00	
Two wood lots,	500.00	
Abbey pasture, 104 acres,	500.00	
		$6,000.00
Household furniture, beds and bedding,	840.00	
Stove wood, 40 cords,	160.00	
Provisions of all kinds,	156.00	
		1,156.00
Farming tools, including wagons, sleds, harnesses, etc.,	740.00	740.00
LIVE STOCK.		
1 pair of horses,	$300.00	
13 cows, $40 each,	520.00	
4 heifers and one calf,	100.00	
8 hogs,	100.00	
35 hens,	20.00	
		1,040.00
18 tons of hay,	324.00	
Corn, fodder and poor hay,	40.00	
		364.00
Grain on hand,	22.00	22.00
100 tons of ice,	60.00	60.00
Hearse and sleigh,	350.00	350.00
Total,		$9,732.00

Due from Sanford & Stebbins, logs,	$37.50	
Cash in hands of Warden,	10.08	
Due for driving hearse,	8.00	
Due from state, care of Mrs. Doyle,	4.50	50.08
		$9,782.08
Expense at Almshouse,		$2,626.28
Paid E. S. Bridgman, hay,	$ 65.88	
A. M. Baggs, "	71.64	
Henry Wales, "	18.20	
C. H. Randall, "	7.82	
G. E. Sanford, "	33.50	
" " grain and feed,	695.81	
F. F. Dewey, supplies,	34.25	
J. W. Jackson, "	48.43	
Wm. E. Bridgman, supplies,	30.56	
H. A. Hopkins, "	32.02	
W. L. Sanford, "	123.49	
D. L. Hazen, "	187.69	
E. S. & A. Bridgman, "	158.38	
F. W. Fellows, repairs,	7.88	
F. J. Berry, services as warden,	208.28	
Alonzo Main, labor,	88.00	
Leila A. Kimball, labor,	19.50	
George Peeso, "	20.00	
Henry Mellen, "	11.00	
Fred Ruell, cutting wood,	22.78	
Sorel LeGrand, " "	53.71	
James Peeso, services as warden,	83.75	
C. L. Jencks, hauling ties,	19.44	
Alice Sturtevant, labor,	20.33	
Beulah Squires, "	6.75	
Florence Morrison, "	73.60	
Joseph Johnson, "	6.00	
George Harvey, "	39.00	
Keiser Auxjunia, "	10.00	
John Pratt, cutting wood,	19.80	
George Davis, painting,	21.33	
C. H. Snow, supplies,	6.95	

Paid Osie Girouard, blacksmithing,	$14.41	
Thomas Mansfield, "	10.80	
Wm. F. Carter, "	6.25	
W. H. Stone, "	3.00	
A. E. Dodge. "	9.75	
Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance,	37.50	
" " " truss for Streeter,	7.50	
Pratt Brothers, sawing shingles,	13.75	
H. R. Gould, supplies,	1.72	
G. A. Demarest, "	1.20	
H. A. Shaw, stove,	40.00	
H. C. Dodge, one hog,	15.00	
M. S. Barton, fertilizer,	30.00	
J. W. Finch, plastering,	9.50	
Edward Gay, fertilizer,	41.00	
A. P. Bates, sawing shingles,	7.11	
Eugene Randall, plow points,	2.60	
L. E. Ballou, repairs,	3.08	
G. W. Coleman, labor,	7.80	
C. F. Clark, pasturing,	24.36	
T. D. Potter & Co., windows,	9.30	
Mr. Judd, one hog,	11.50	
Besse, Mills & Co., clothing,	16.08	
C. E. Davis, painting,	20.70	
F. J. Berry, pork,	3.00	
Sanford & Stebbins, lumber,	33.58	
		$2,626.28

M. S. BARTON, E. C. WITT, E. A. RANDALL, } *Overseers of Poor. Belchertown.*

WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE SELECTMEN.

Cash paid out by F. J. Berry, Warden.

Paid C. H. Snow, supplies,	$ 1.19
L. E. Ballou, labor and supplies,	3.11
Wm. F. Carter, blacksmithing,	4.91
F. W. Fellows, supplies and repairs,	1.40
L. Bates, planing lumber,	.60

Paid Harry Dodge, service,	$ 1.00	
F. J. Berry, provisions,	13.49	
F. L. Plantiff, barbering,	1.05	
Pedlar, stove polish,	.25	
Geo. Kenfield, tomato plants,	.93	
A. B. Howard, peach and currant bushes,	1.25	
F. S. Parmenter, clothing and supplies,	24.42	
Pratt Brothers, wagon pole,	.50	
Mrs. Chamberlain, soap,	1.80	
H. A. Hopkins, curtain fixtures,	.73	
D. K. Shumway, snaps for harness,	.35	
Jack, a tramp, labor,	5.00	
Rohan & Sugrue, fish and oysters,	3.47	
N. Blackmer, care of stock,	1.00	
G. Munsel, advertising and keeping cow,	3.00	
A. L. Berry, poultry,	10.33	
F. J. Robinson, hardware, etc.,	2.64	
J. B. Markham, express,	.75	
G. J. Davis, paper,	.80	
H. McKillop, rye,	1.80	
E. B. Gay, supplies,	3.65	
C. Lewis, pair of shafts,	2.10	
Hunt Brothers, rye straw,	2.50	
H. Jepson, butchering and rye,	3.95	
Harry Hess, meat,	.75	
E. S. Lane, calf and making cider,	3.00	
J. Moriarty, bull,	23.00	
George Witt, calves,	2.50	
D. Nutting, "	7.00	
Geo. Coleman, mason work,	1.25	
Sundry articles,	8.12	
Mrs. Hamilton,	3.00	
Strawberries, peaches and soap,	5.15	
		$151.74

Cash received from products of Town Farm.

Received cash for two cows,	$ 82.50	
Six heads of young stock,	75.00	
Chickens,	3.41	
Veal,	124.10	

Received cash for Pork,	$69.28	
Milk,	1.55	
Taking prisoner to depot,	.50	
Potatoes,	.60	
Cattle show premium,	8.00	
Beef hide and tallow,	3.36	
Two bulls,	56.00	
		$424.30

F. J. BERRY, *Warden.*

RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Cash received for cream,	$ 732.67	
Cash received for railroad ties,	780.85	
Cash received for logs,	71.21	
Cash received of A. B. Howard, wood,	5.50	
Cash received of James Peeso, for three cows and pork,	150.00	
Cash received for six head young cattle,	75.00	
Cash received for one cow and two bulls,	96.00	
Cash received from warden, for veal,	61.00	
Cash received from warden, for driving hearse,	41.00	
Cash received from warden, use of hearse,	2.00	
Cash received, note of Mrs. Piper,	23.14	
Cash received of N. Randall, admr. of estate of Laura Newell,	37.25	
Cash received of F. LeGrand, wood,	128.00	
		2,203.62
Total expense at Almshouse above receipts,		$422.66
Average number of paupers for year,		7¼
Number tramps giving lodgings,		174

EXPENSE OF PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Mrs. M. Heffernan, partial support of self and two children,	$102.00
Paid George Cutler, guardian of L. Juckett,	13.33
Paid for support of Charles Sweatland, at school for feeble minded,	77.07

Paid Lewis Babbitt, care of insane,	$351.92	
Paid overseers of poor Shutesbury,	14.00	
Paid Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance,	40.25	
Paid E. J. Beaupre, clothing T. O'Brian,	24.75	
Paid L. D. Foskett, moving Cooley family,	4.00	
Paid Mrs. Hurlburt, rent for Cooley,	8.25	
Paid A. L. Mellen, digging grave,	3.00	
Paid George Harvey, care of A. L. Gates,	4.00	
Paid M. S. Barton, taking pauper to Boston,	7.90	
Paid Mrs. Thomson, washing Mrs. Newell,	4.00	
Paid W. L. Sanford, supplies for Cooley,	26.36	
Paid Nellie Stone, care of Sally Pratt,	65.66	
Paid D. K. Shumway, supplies for Lynds,	1.70	
Paid A. Bridgman, supplies for Lynds,	4.26	
Paid D. L. Hazen, supplies for Lynds,	8.70	
Paid Ellen Ballou, care of Mrs. Lynds,	2.00	
Paid Rosa Ayotte, " " "	4.00	
Paid Peter Garvey, care of Shea,	14.00	
Paid D. L. Hazen, supplies for Lynds,	8.54	
Paid T. O'Brian, partial support,	4.00	
Paid A. Bridgman, supplies for Lynds,	1.13	
Paid " " " " T. Clifford,	15.65	
Paid H. A. Hopkins, supplies for Mrs. Lynds,	3.35	
Paid D. L. Hazen, supplies for Mrs. Lynds,	6.39	
Paid " " for T. Clifford,	7.92	
Paid L. A. Smith, casket for P. Labida,	7.00	
Paid Peter Hanafin, rent for Cooley,	36.00	
Paid A. Bridgman, supplies for F. Durine,	3.05	
Total expenditures outside of almshouse,		$874.18
Received from Town of Petersham, care of Sally Pratt,	$65.66	
Received from Town of Pelham, care of Lynds family,	44.48	
Received from Town of Sunderland, for care of Sullivan Pierce,	18.50	
Received from Hannah Russell, for support of Nellie Russell,	169.00	
Received from State, for support of paupers,	48.29	

Received from Myron Pratt, part payment of doctor's bill,	$6.30	
Due from Town of Palmer, casket for child of Peter Labida,	7.00	
		359.23
Actual expense outside of almshouse,		$514.95

M. S. BARTON,
E. C. WITT,
E. A. RANDALL,
Overseers of the Poor.

Report of Selectmen.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1901.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid E. C. Witt, work on highway,	$150.00	
J. LeGrande, " "	7.50	
E. C. Witt, " "	300.00	
George Allen, road scraper,	225.00	
E. C. Witt, work on highway,	600.00	
J. LeGrande, " "	51.59	
J. B. Markham, freight on scraper,	1.82	
" " " tile,	1.75	
E. C. Witt, work on highway,	1,000.00	
" " " "	100.00	
Henry Barnes, damage to horse,	50.00	
Land damage and widening new street,	150.00	
E. C. Witt, labor on highway,	150.00	
Rosa M. Olds, damage to team,	15.00	
E. C. Witt, water tank,	25.00	
" " labor on highway,	200.00	
" " " "	150.00	
" " " "	100.00	
F. F. Dewey, damage to horse,	35.00	
John Woods, damage,	10.00	
E. C. Witt, labor,	305.00	
" " "	140.00	
A. H. Squires, labor,	17.50	
E. C. Witt, labor,	27.00	
		$3,812.16

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS TO THE SELECTMEN.

J. M. Clough, Jr., repairing highway,	$30.00
E. S. Chapin, repairing highway,	3.50
B. C. Davis, repairing highway,	51.15
H. C. West, repairing highway,	11.75
G. S. Warner, repairing highway,	16.10
F. J. Morse, repairing highway,	2.50
S. Smith, repairing highway,	3.50
C. H. Walker, repairing highway,	1.50
G. C. Allen, Jr., repairing highway,	19.55
Frank E. Escot, repairing highway,	4.20
E. A. Randall, repairing highway,	2.50
P. H. Garvey, repairing highway,	17.70
L. A. Jenks, repairing highway,	3.00
E. C. Scofield, repairing highway,	2.95
A. H. Bartlett, repairing highway,	3.00
A. J. Sears, repairing highway,	1.50
R. Allen, repairing highway,	2.75
J. LeGrand, repairing highway,	129.39
M. F. Austin, repairing highway,	68.80
J. Flaherty, repairing highway,	170.85
Daniel Kennedy, repairing highway,	219.55
G. W. Coleman, repairing highway,	19.20
George Warner, repairing highway,	10.50
David Ward, repairing highway,	20.00
D. F. Shumway, repairing highway,	18.80
Wm. Clough, repairing highway,	128.00
H. M. Dunbar, repairing highway,	10.50
E. R. Blackmer, repairing highway,	40.50
C. H. Randall, repairing highway,	8.39
Ed. Shumway, repairing highway,	104.55
J. W. Hurlburt, repairing highway,	116.35
M. F. Austin, repairing highway,	268.00
M. Cavinaugh, repairing highway,	133.00
E. F. Munsell, repairing highway,	218.75
Sanford & Stebbins, lumber,	101.74
T. D. Potter & Co., tile and lumber,	55.22

E. C. Witt, lumber,	$49.50
West Alden, gravel,	4.00
W. L. Goodell, gravel,	5.00
S. LeGrand, gravel,	2.00
Two blades for scraper and castings,	27.02
Freight on scraper,	6.75
E. S. Bridgman & Co., spikes,	5.02
F. G. Shaw, care of water tank,	2.78
A. Randolph,	1.00
H. F. Pierce, labor,	75.00
Peter Pierce, labor,	71.25
John Pratt, labor,	24.00
Henry Witt, labor,	32.50
David Jepson, labor,	129.00
Oliver Shannon, labor,	25.50
Roderic Weston, labor,	75.15
Fred Ruell, labor,	2.50
A. Cutting, labor,	4.50
H. J. Mellen, labor,	104.52
Moses Roberts, labor,	18.00
W. F. Carter, repairs on scraper,	11.45
O. Gerouard, repairs on scraper,	8.30
A. Gerouard, " "	3.00
W. L. Sanford, cement,	15.00
Dynamite,	40.50
E. L. Ballou, pipe for water tank,	2.25
Myron Pratt, labor,	4.50
Wm. Converse, labor,	4.50
Wm. Boyce, labor,	2.00
Wm. Colgrove, labor,	1.25
Henry Jucket, labor,	1.50
Peter Hanifin, labor,	1.50
F. Blackmer, labor,	2.00
G. W. Town, labor,	2.50
Horatio Mart, labor,	1.00
Frank Wilson, labor,	7.55
Polander, labor,	1.50
H. T. Filer, repairing highway,	5.85
Henry Paine, repairing highway,	5.85

D. R. Ward, repairing highway,	$ 15.48	
E. C. Witt, repairing highway,	387.24	
Bills paid by the Selectmen,	590.16	
Snow bills,	13.05	
		$3,812.16
Appropriation for highways,	$4,000.00	
" " new scraper,	200.00	
" " watering tank,	50.00	
Balance of 1900,	24.00	
Received for tile and dynamite,	9.00	
		$4,283.00
Total expenditures,		3,812.16
Unexpended balance,		$470.84

E. C. WITT, *Superintendent of Streets.*

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Paid B. F. Dotney, building concrete walk,	$153.20	
Daniel Kennedy, hauling gravel,	18.75	
M. S. Barton, labor,	8.26	
		$180.21
Appropriation for concrete walk,	$130.00	
Received from Abuttors,	63.71	
		$193.71
Unexpended balance,		13.50

Town Account.

Paid F. A. Prouty, ringing bell,	$ 10.00
N. and Ella Draper, abatement tax,	2.22
Dr. C. B. King, auditor,	3.75
C. E. Scott, services as registrar of voters,	5.44
Ladies' Guild, care street lamps,	100.00
Grace Scott, copying births and deaths,	6.00
J. R. Wales, index books, printing, etc.,	15.00
Samuel Allen, surveying new street,	2.00
Carey Safe Co., safe for town clerk,	165.00
F. G. Shaw, moving safe,	2.00
F. D. Marsh, casket for L. Juckett,	35.00
D. K. Shumway, service as election officer,	3.00
Wm. A. Snow, services as election officer,	1.50
F. F. Dewey, services as election officer,	1.50
A. C. Smith, services as election officer,	3.50
E. C. Witt, services as election officer,	1.50
A. E. Pease, services as election officer,	1.50
M. C. Bowler, services as election officer,	3.00
M. G. Ward, services as election officer,	3.50
J. T. Geer, services as election officer,	1.50
J. B. Knight, services as election officer,	1.50
Wm. E. Bridgman, insurance school house,	12.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing reports,	48.02
J. La Grande, moving safe,	2.00
Fred Burnett, sawing wood,	.75
A. Bridgman, supplies for town clerk,	3.15
F. L. Stebbins, assessors' supplies,	6.37
Fred Randolph, services as police,	6.50
J. B. Chapin, cap for engine,	2.00

Paid Little, Brown & Co., town offices,	$ 3.50
G. B. Jackson, ringing bell,	41.25
Susie Bridgman, indexing births and deaths,	7.00
Charles Hall, lamps for town hall,	15.00
Wm. Carter, lamp fixtures,	1.20
Hammond & Field, legal advice,	19.00
C. Cooledge, services in grade crossing case,	40.00
Mrs. W. L. Sanford, services in grade crossing case,	3.00
N. Randall, services in grade crossing case,	3.37
F. B. Purdy, service as election officer,	3.50
Wm. Boyce, building wall,	42.50
George Kelley, building lot for engine house,	200.00
Arthur Mellen, mowing 12 cemetery lots,	6.00
E. R. Bridgman, administering oaths,	.75
R. F. Hovey, returning births,	1.25
Dr. Smith, returning births,	3.00
G. F. Thomson, returning births,	3.25
Wm. Boyce, watching fire,	2.00
Fred Burnett, watching fire,	2.00
G. C. Allen, Jr., watching fire,	2.00
W. O. Burnett, special police,	5.00
E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies for Town Hall,	3.62
L. W. Dillon, care of Wm. Doyle,	4.50
M. F. Austin, services as constable,	6.00
Gazette Printing Co., printing posters,	2.00
L. E. Ballou, repairs town pump,	3.00
Hobbs, Warren & Co., blanks,	.96
A. Bridgman, telegraph, telephone, &c.,	3.69
A. Bridgman, supplies Town Hall,	1.37
H. A. Hopkins, rent of barn for Hook and Ladder Co.,	6.00
L. A. Smith, returning deaths,	8.50
Wm. E. Bridgman, administering oath and making out papers,	5.00
Samuel Allen, abatement two taxes,	15.54
D. F. Shumway, abatement two taxes,	166.06
Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,	379.39
F. J. Berry, driving hearse,	41.00
Military aid,	20.00
Arthur Mellen, caring for cemetery lots,	12.46

Paid Nelson Randall, service as selectman,	$ 11.90
Wm. E. Bridgman, service as selectman,	12.75
M. S. Barton, service as selectman,	169.46
E. C. Witt, service as selectman,	83.00
E. A. Randall, service as selectman,	54.00
C. H. Randall, service as assessor,	75.00
F. B. Alden, service as assessor,	75.00
F. L. Stebbins, service as assessor,	80.00
Samuel Allen, service as collector,	100.00
J. R. Gould, cattle inspection,	86.60
A. Bridgman, service as Town Clerk,	93.45
A. Bridgman, railroad fare, postage, &c.,	13.30
E. C. Witt, Superintendent of Streets,	35.00
H. Marsh, fighting forest fires,	17.60
M. S. Barton, services as constable,	7.80
M. S. Barton, telephone, telegraph and postage,	7.01
R. K. Shumway, registrar of voters,	11.00
O. Shannon, registrar of voters,	11.00
G. H. B. Greene, moderator,	5.00
Town expense,	$2,501.71

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in hands of Treasurer,	$3,063.09	
Due from Samuel Allen, collector,	34.20	
D. F. Shumway, "	1,049.87	
from State for state aid,	1,290.00	
from State for military aid,	20.00	
from town of Palmer,	7.00	
from Sanford & Stebbins, for logs,	31.50	
from State for cattle inspection,	43.30	
		$5,538.96

657 orders were issued, amounting to	$18,209.74
Amount paid by Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, 1901,	$18,209.74

List of Jurors.

Martin W. Bardwell,	Arthur Bridgman,
A. H. Hubbard,	Almon Pratt,
F. W. Fellows,	Oliver Shannon,
D. D. Hazen,	F. B. Purdy,
Charles L. Jencks,	Alden Day,
Horatio Marsh,	George H. Guest,
C. D. Ward,	F. G. Shaw,
Thomas Landers,	Charles Davis,
Nelson Randall,	George M. Fisher,
Myron G. Ward,	Dwight F. Shumway,
Irwin Mills,	George W. Canterbury,
F. J. Morse,	Edward Gay,
F. L. Plantiff,	Eugene Randall,
A. B. Howard,	E. B. Sanford,
R. K. Shumway,	David R. Ward,
George S. Warner,	H. A. Hopkins.

M. S. BARTON,
E. C. WITT,
E. A. RANDALL,
} *Selectmen of Belchertown.*

Belchertown, Mass., Feb. 19th., 1901.

I have this day examined the accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Belchertown and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the hands of the Treasurer and on deposit the sum of $3,063.09.

C. B KING, *Auditor.*

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Report of the Burial Ground Commissioners for the Year Ending Feb. 15th, 1901.

Unexpended balance last year,	$29.10	
Appropriation for the year 1900,	40.00	
		$69.10

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

David R. Ward, for mowing West Hill, Union and Lake Vale cemeteries,	9.00	
E. S. Lane, for mowing Holyoke and Liberty cemeteries,	4.50	
Merrick Whitemore, for mowing South Center cemetery,	8.00	
David R. Ward, 35 posts for fence,	2.80	
D. L. Hazen, white lead and oil to paint the Holyoke cemetery fence,	6.35	
D. R. Ward, to work painting,	3.00	
Mr. Hubbard, " " "	1.50	
N. Randall, " "	1.50	
	$36.65	
Received for paint,	.35	
		36.30
Unexpended balance,		$32.80

D. R. WARD,
NELSON RANDALL, } *Burial Ground Commissioners.*

Collector's Report.

The amount committed to your Collector, as per Assessors' warrant, dated Aug. 16, 1900, was	$15,122.85
Amount of added assessment,	34.44
Interest collected on taxes from Jan. 1st, 1901, to Feb. 15th, 1901, as per vote of the town,	5.81
Total,	$15,163.10
He has collected and paid to the Treasurer,	14,113.23
Balance in Collector's hands,	$1,049.87

A sidewalk tax was assessed, amounting to	$63.71
Amount collected and paid Treasurer,	63.71

D. F. Shumway, *Collector*

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January,	4	April,	5	July,	1	October,	5
February,	2	May,	6	August,	2	November,	4
March,	6	June,	1	September,	6	December,	3

Males, 22; Females, 22; Sex not given, 1; Total, 45;

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions recorded,			19
Number of marriages recorded,			17
First marriage,	Males, 14;	Females,	16
Second marriage,	Males, 2;	Females,	1
Third marriage,	Males, 1;	Females,	0
Youngest male married,			20
Youngest female married,			16
Oldest male married,			71
Oldest female married,			55

DEATHS.

January,	3	April,	9	July,	3	October,	6
February,	4	May,	6	August,	3	November,	1
March,	7	June,	3	September,	4	December,	5

Males, 27; Females, 27; Total, 54.

Native born, 45; Foreign born, 9.

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Lung Disease,	9	Heart Disease,	6
Old age,	2	Apoplexy,	6

Other causes, 31.

Number of town meetings during the year,	4
Mortgages recorded during the year,	5
Writs of attachment,	1

DOGS LICENSED.

Males, 189 at $2.00 each,	$378.00	
Females, 18 at $5.00 each,	90.00	
1 kennel license,	50.00	
		$518.00

Paid the above amount (less fees) to county treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

RETURN OF BIRTHS—1900.

H. A. Smith,	12
G. F. Thomson,	15
S. O. Miller,	2
W. B. Segur,	4
R. F. Hovey,	5
C. B. King,	3
A. F. Warren,	1
Horatio Marsh,	1
Mrs. John Pratt,	1
N. C. Haskell,	1

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

Tree Warden's Report.

Agreeably to appointment and duty as Tree Warden, I submit herewith my report. During the past year there have been four (4) forest and field fires, as follows: The Dodge sprout lot and pasture land of M. Cook, west of the center, was fired April 16 from sparks from a locomotive on the B. & M. R.R. About 30 acres were burned over before the fire was stopped. The railroad company was notified of the assistance rendered, and the company paid the help 20 cents an hour.

April 25 a fire started on the premises of Frank Wilson, north of the center, from the firing of a brush heap. The fire ran over several acres of mowing and pasture lands, but was fortunately stopped by Mr. Wilson and the neighbors before getting into adjacent wood lands. April 26 a fire started on or near swamp or meadow land belonging to Geo. Moody in west part of the town. This fire burned over numerous acres of plain and meadow lands, including several acres of young growth of timber belonging to parties in this town and Granby. If prompt and efficient aid had not been rendered the fire would have extended to lands and possibly buildings of Geo. Coleman. April 29; this fire started on land belonging to J. Mead in the northwest part of the town, from whence it spread to adjacent woodlands of Messrs. Curtis, Crosier, Westcott and Goodell. The Department Fire Warden called all the available help—23 men—who succeeded after four (4) hours' labor in stopping the fire. The total cost of fighting this fire was $17.60. The burning of a wood choppers' shanty on the Mead lot was the origin of this fire. It is our duty to protest against allowing such structures to remain standing after serving the purpose for which they were built. They are liable to be made use of by tramps; a constant source of danger, not only by reason of fire, but a menace to the personal safety of our community.

With the constantly enhancing value of our timber lands, it would be well for the owners of such woodlands and property to unite for mutual protection, posting such forestry against trespassing, either by tramps or "the man with the gun." The one leaves a smouldering fire to be blown about by the rising wind, the other by a wad from the gun, or from a tree fired to bring out the game, with no care for the destruction which may follow the burning of such trees in our forests. Our farmers should be warned against allowing the wholesale destruction or mutilation of that beautiful shrub, the mountain laurel, as well as the bitter-sweet vine, by parties who make it their business gathering the branches and vines, shipping the same in large quantities to the cities to be used for Christmas decorations. These lawless depredators, spoilers of the beautiful, should be made to respect the rights of those on whose lands these beautiful shrubs and vines grow.

The numerous old and stately trees that are to be found throughout the town bear evidence that a former generation appreciated the utility of shade trees near their dwellings and by the roadsides. A later generation were not less mindful of the value of trees—their shade so grateful during the heat of summer and as objects of beauty. Let us urge the continued setting of shade trees, giving them proper attention; also for those that come up by the roadsides. Thus will our streets and town grow to be more and more beautiful as the years come and go.

A. B. HOWARD, *Tree Warden.*

Report of School Committee.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1900,	$2,312.37	
Appropriation March 5, 1900,	4,200.00	
Received from State School Fund,	428.58	
Received from State wards,	624.50	
Received from Bridgman Fund,	242.40	
		$7,807.85

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages from Treasury,	$5,214.82	
Teachers' wages from Bridgman Fund,	242.40	
Cost of fuel,	224.38	
Cost of janitors,	115.25	
Unexpended balance,	2,011.00	
		$7,807.85

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	$500.00	
Received for supplies sold,	.83	
Expended in excess of appropriation,	73.21	
		$574.04
Paid for books and supplies,		574.04

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Balance Feb. 15, 1900,	$128.05	
Appropriation,	400.00	
Due from Geo. S. Perry,	.77	
		$528.82
Paid for repairs and miscellaneous expenses,	500.76	
Unexpended balance,	28.06	
		$528.82

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance February 1, 1900,	$100.00
Unexpended balance February 15, 1901,	100.00

DETAILED STATEMENT.

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	NO. W'KS.	PER WEEK.	TOTAL.
High School,	C. A. Guild,	37	22.22\frac{2}{9}$	$822.22
" "	Minna L. Dana,	13	10.00	130.00
" "	Grace M. Chapin,	24	10.00	240.00
Center Grammar,	Ida L. Shaw,	32	10.00	320.00
" Intermediate,	Mabel E. Ryther,	21	10.00	210.00
" Primary,	Louise E. Allen,	32	10.00	320.00
" South,	Mrs. J. M. Knight,	11	6.50	71.50
Mill Valley,	Julia Austin,	22	5.00	110.00
" "	" "	10	5.50	55.00
Cold Spring,	Lizzie M. Bartlett,	4	7.50	30.00
" "	Cornelia Galliger,	7	7.50	52.50
" "	Marion Bartlett,	12	6.50	78.00
" "	" "	9	7.00	63.00
Franklin Grammar,	Nettie M. Shaw,	22	6.50	143.00
" "	" " "	10	7.00	70.00
" Primary,	Nellie J. Landers,	32	8.00	256.00
Liberty,	Nellie L. Sullivan,	32	7.00	224.00
Washington,	S. Belle Snow,	32	5.50	176.00
Rock Rimmon,	Ruby F. Knight,	21	6.00	126.00
" "	Lulu Austin,	11	5.50	60.50
Chestnut Hill,	Josephine E. Shea,	11	6.50	71.50
" "	Grace A. Fisher,	11	6.50	71.50
" "	" " "	10	7.00	70.00
Holyoke,	Annie E. Breslin,	32	6.50	208.00
Federal,	Julia B. Smith,	32	6.50	208.00
Lake Vale,	Libbie C. Gutberlett,	32	6.50	208.00
Union,	Luella P. Hawkes,	32	7.00	240.00
West Hill,	Lulu Austin,	12	5.00	60.00

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	NO. W'KS.	PER WEEK.	TOTAL.
West Hill,	Arthur E. Pease,	10	7.00	$ 70.00
" "	Leona M. Williams,	10	5.00	50.00
East Hill,	Alice E. Wood,	22	6.00	132.00
" "	Arthur E. Pease,	10	7.50	75.00
Laurel,	Edith Towne,	32	6.50	208.00
Blue Meadow,	Rose M. Olds,	35	6.50	227.50
				$5,457.22
Less Bridgman High School Fund,				242.40
Cost of teaching to the town,				$5,214.82

FUEL.

Joseph Archenbault,	$ 2.50	
Michael Austin,	57.75	
Martin W. Bardwell,	10.75	
Melvin A. Bardwell,	1.50	
Edwin R. Blackmer,	10.10	
Pratt Brothers,	9.25	
Geo. R. Dickinson,	11.00	
Jason W. Hurlburt,	58.50	
Geo. W. Knight,	8.00	
Joseph Legrande,	1.00	
Morris Moriarty,	10.00	
Sanford & Stebbins,	6.20	
James Shea,	2.50	
Eugene Sullivan,	1.00	
David R. Ward,	10.75	
Charles L. Warner,	3.50	
Geo. B. Weston,	7.50	
Frank L. Wilson,	11.68	
Mrs. M. D. S. Longley,	.90	
		224.38

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Cyril Courtland, High and Center schools,	$75.00	
Paid in other schools,	40.25	
		115.25
Total school account,		$5,554.45

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

A. H. Bartlett,	$112.80	
American Book Co.,	123.01	
Allyn & Bacon,	12.09	
Boston School Supply Co.,	40.80	
Butler, Sheldon & Co.,	10.42	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	3.08	
Ginn & Co.,	122.19	
Geo. S. Perry & Co.,	4.60	
J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	6.40	
L. Bonanie,	1.68	
Maynard & Merrill,	.94	
Rand, McNally & Co.,	26.40	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	85.63	
Thomas R. Shewell,	24.00	
		$574.04

REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

HIGH AND CENTER.

D. F. Shumway, brick,	$ 6.00	
W. L. Sanford, lime and cement,	2.60	
Sanford & Stebbins, lumber,	39.46	
P. H. Potter and others,	16.96	
D. L. Hazen, hardware and paint,	27.75	
William Bell, labor,	17.84	
William Ayers, "	48.53	
G. M. Fisher and others, labor,	4.00	
B. L. Thresher, material and labor,	9.72	
E. H. Chapin, labor,	2.87	
Geo. S. Perry & Co., slate,	17.01	
" " " " furniture,	110.18	
L. E. Ballou, labor and furnishings,	16.27	
		$319.19

GENERAL REPAIRS.

South Center, R. C. Capen,	$25.60	
Mill Valley, " "	1.00	
Franklin, T. D. Potter,	28.87	
Washington, M. W. Bardwell,	2.75	
Chestnut Hill, William Bell,	3.65	
Rock Rimmon, " "	3.50	
Federal, C. H. Walker,	2.00	
Lake Vale, Geo. R. Dickinson,	.50	
Union, Kelly, Bell and Goodell,	9.22	
East Hill, Carlton Kimball,	.75	
" " Oliver Shannon,	1.25	
Center and South Center, scrubbing,	4.75	
Sanitary work,	4.10	
		87.94
D. L. Hazen, supplies,	14.52	
E. S. Bridgman & Co., supplies,	7.68	
Arthur Bridgman, supplies,	4.98	
H. A. Hopkins, supplies,	3.06	
A. L. Blackmer, brooms,	5.30	
Howard & Brown, diplomas,	5.20	
Miss Dana, ribbon,	1.00	
F. E. Burnett, erecting stage,	1.50	
F. G. Shaw, moving piano,	3.50	
Chemical apparatus,	1.83	
C. H. Snow, disinfectants,	1.80	
Mrs. Longley, sundry supplies,	6.00	
Freight, express, cartage, etc.,	37.81	
		94.18
		$501.31

SALARY OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

M. A. Morse,	$60.00	
Geo. H. B. Greene,	95.00	
Maria D. S. Longley,	90.00	
		$245.00

SALARY OF TRUANT OFFICER.

D. F. Shumway,	$14.00

SUMMARY.

Bills approved by School Committee.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Teachers, (from Treasurer,)	$5,214.82	
Fuel,	224.38	
Janitors,	115.25	
		$5,554.45

TOWN ACCOUNT.

Books and supplies,	$574.04	
Repairs and miscellaneous expenses,	501.31	
Truant officer,	14.00	
School committee,	245.00	
		1,334.35
		$6,888.80

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled,	525
" " between 5 and 15,	473
" " " 8 and 14,	292
" " under 5,	18
" " over 15,	37
Perfect in attendance one year,	18
" " two terms,	38
" " one term,	83
Average wages of high school teachers per month,	88.88\frac{8}{9}$
" " assistant high school teachers per month,	40.00
" " male teachers in common schools,	28.00
" " female " " "	27.88

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1901.

For support of schools.

To include teachers' wages, fuel, janitor's supervision, books, supplies and incidentals,	$5,200
For remodeling and furnishing Center school rooms,	700
For furniture for East Hill school room,	100
For general repairs,	100
	$6,100

M. A. MORSE,
GEO. H. B. GREENE,
MARIA D. S. LONGLEY,
School Committee of Belchertown.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

To the School Committee of Belchertown:

I have received during the year from the School Committee, and from teachers, fifteen summonses to attend to absentees from school. To all of these I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number.	No. enrolled.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 8 and 14.	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.
High	62	62	0	32	30	16	60	53	55	52	49	43
Center Grammar	47	35	0	1	34	33	33	29	27	25	27	24
Center Intermediate	42	2	0	0	2	2	....	....	40	36	39	34
Center Primary	61	52	0	0	52	27	41	37	43	38	35	34
Center South	26	26	0	2	24	17	24	21	....	....	....	....
Mill Valley	10	5	0	0	5	2	7	8	8	7	6	5
Cold Spring	28	28	1	0	27	19	26	21	25	22	23	20
Franklin Grammar	22	22	0	0	22	21	21	15	20	14	17	12
Franklin Primary	38	38	7	0	31	6	29	27	34	27	29	19
Liberty	32	32	4	0	28	16	30	26	31	27	24	22
Washington	12	12	0	0	12	9	10	9	9	7	10	10
Rock Rimmon	17	14	0	0	17	7	11	10	11	9	13	9
Chestnut Hill	35	33	0	0	33	16	25	19	30	27	29	24
Holyoke	25	25	3	0	22	16	25	19	23	19	20	15
Federal	25	25	2	0	23	17	19	16	20	18	17	15
Lake Vale	21	21	1	0	20	17	14	11	12	9	12	9
Union	35	28	0	0	28	19	25	22	28	26	27	24
West Hill	18	14	0	0	14	14	12	6	14	11	14	10
East Hill	14	14	0	2	12	9	12	11	13	11	12	11
Laurel	19	19	0	0	19	14	16	14	14	12	12	9
Blue Meadow	22	18	0	0	18	14	18	14	14	12	17	15
	611	525	18	37	473	292	458	388	471	409	432	364

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE TERMS.

Maude Austin,
Louise Austin,
Raymond Austin,
Charles Austin,
Florence Gould,
Margaret Moriarty,
Ella Moriarty,
Samuel Wilson,
Albert Fleury,
Everett Geer,
Frances Gould,
George Morency,
Joseph Murphy,
Alice Guild,
Howard Spencer,
Wilbur Rogers,
Eddie Rogers,
Robert Briggs.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Alice Guild,
Harry Austin.
Daisy Rhodes,
Henry Baggs,
George LeGrande,
Philip LeGrande,
Michael Prosser,
Harry Gould,
John Lyons,
Joseph Lyons,
Katherine Moriarty,
Minnie Moriarty,
John Sullivan,
Lucy Geer,
Clarence Peverall,
Lucy Barnes,
Luther Holland,
Frank Flynn,
Grace Thayer,
Ida Segal,
Bessie Randolph,
Charles Kimball,
Francis Carew,
John Fay,
Roland Gage,
William Ginty,
Thomas Sullivan,
Minnie Shea,
Willie Shea,
Chester Canterbury,
Thomas Brown,
John Austin,
Jennie Bolter,
Daisy Canterbury,
Vianna Bridgman,
Leon Aldrich,
Agnes Thayer,
Amy Pratt,

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Eva Segal,
Ella Garvey,
Josephine Callahan,
Frank Sullivan,
William Sullivan,
Alice Clifford,
Esther Fay,
Michael Diggin,
Charles Fillmore,
George Mayo,
Emma Clifford,
Edward Mowitt,
Lester Worthington,
Bennie Butterfield,
Theresa Moriarty,
Patrick Shea,
Arthur Landers,
John Sullivan,
Lizzie Shea,
Willie Keys,
Herbert Canterbury,
William Shaw,
Minnie Burrage,
Florence Baggs,
Blanche Hurlburt,
Paul Squires,
Albert Peters,
Vivian Peters,
Clinton Brackett,
Thomas LeGrande,
Alexander McNevin,
Walter Goodell,
Nellie Keys,
Daniel O'Connor,
Lucy Randolph,
Frank Randall,
Donald Bridgman,
John Shea,
Gertrude Shea,
Thomas Fitzgerald,
Cora Randolph,
Ray Turner,
Fred Wright,
Annie Brown,
Mirtyl Cooley,
Mabel Geer,
Mary Austin,
Michael Bowler,
Joseph Brooks,
Eileen Kennedy,
Mabel Peverall,
Joseph Murphy,
Stanley Bridgman,
Robert Randall,
John Auxjunius,
Esther Dodge,
Edna Damon,
Lizzie Fielding,
Paul Mott,
Robert Randall,
Maude Mansfield,
Florence Wood,
Helen Guild,
Ira Damon,
Florence Dodd,
Horace Adkins,
Martha Michel,
Richard Michel,
Mary Whedyka,
Lulu Shea,
Nat Butterfield,
Nellie O'Conner,
Iola Jepson,
Cyril Courtlandt,

Daisy French,
Carrie Holland,
Maud Dorman,
Mae Carmody,
Lewis Blackmer,
Edith Thayer,
Fannie Thayer,
Tekla Antonowicz,
Alfred Jackman.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
HAMPSHIRE, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; one School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town: vote "Yes" or "No," all on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: Three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, for the purchase of school books and other supplies, and for supervision and incidentals.

ART. 6. To raise money for general repairs of schoolhouses.

ART. 7. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to place new furniture in the East Hill school room, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to enlarge the school rooms of the High and Grammar grades, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see what disposition the town will make of the South Center school property.

ART. 10. To raise money to defray town and pauper expenses.

ART. 11. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to see if any part of said money be paid for permanent improvements.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize its Collector to use the means for collecting taxes that a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing and keeping in repair the several town burial grounds.

ART. 14. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid to its Collector on or before October first of four per cent, and after that two per cent discount until December first.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to divide the town into convenient voting precincts, on petition of William Landers and 26 others.

ART. 16. To see if the town will appropriate one hundred dollars to construct a concrete walk on Depot street, South Belchertown, from the old walk to John Sullivan's house, a distance of about 175 yards.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to lower the hill and grade the road on Depot street, South Belchertown, and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the same, on petition of Thomas Landers and 12 others.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to instruct F. D. Walker to take measures to procure free rural delivery of the mails.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to gravel the road from the Palmer and Belchertown line, running north to a point just north of the house of H. D. Geer, and raise and appropriate money for the same, agreeably to a petition of F. E. Higgins and 15 others.

ART. 20. To see if the town will accept the provisions of the will of Maria H. Moody, who bequeathed to the town one hundred dollars, on condition that the cemetery lot known as the Amidon lot be cared for in the future.

ART. 21. To see if the town will refund to J. F. McDonald the sum of $31.50, being taxes wrongfully assessed on his estate during the years 1897 and 1898, and act thereon, agreeably to a petition of L. W. Dillon and 14 others.

ART. 22. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to complete the engine house now under contract.

ART. 23. To see if the town will instruct and authorize its Selectmen for the ensuing year to establish the east line of its common, and take measures to enforce the provisions in part or in full of Chap. 326, Acts 1899, and act thereon, agreeably to the petition of Roswell Allen and 12 others.

ART. 24. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to help defray the expenses of E. J. Griggs Post, No. 97, G. A. R., in the observance of Memorial Day, and raise money for the same, agreeably to a petition of H. C. West and ten others.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in regard to use and care of Town House.

ART. 26. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell, and care for the clock for the year ensuing.

ART. 27. To see if the town will authorize the Chairman of Selectmen, and Treasurer, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 28. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 29. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards.

ART. 30. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 3 o'clock p. m., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one on the depot at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, ten days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D. 1901.

MYRON S. BARTON,
E. C. WITT,
E. A. RANDALL,
} *Selectmen of Belchertown.*

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Assessors' Report.

Value of assessed real estate May 1st, 1901,	$735,170.00	
Value of " personal estate, "	108,930.00	
		$844,100.00

RATE OF TAXATION $15.70 PER THOUSAND.

Tax on real estate,	$11,542.17	
Tax on personal estate,	1,710.20	
560 polls,	1,128.00	
		$14,380.37

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS:

To town, school and other expenses,	$12,075.00	
State tax,	560.00	
County tax,	1,560.65	
Overlayings,	184.72	
		$14,380.37

Residents assessed on property,	519
Non-residents assessed on property,	158
Persons paying poll tax only,	192
Number of Acres of land assessed,	31,887
Horses,	613
Cows,	1,555
Neat cattle other than Cows,	525
Sheep,	36
Swine,	110
Fowls,	2,745
Number of Dwelling Houses assessed,	500
Added assessments,	$30.82

GUY C. ALLEN JR.,
FRANK B. ALDEN,
ALMON L. PRATT,
} *Assessors of Belchertown.*

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

1901.			
Feb.	16	Balance due on settlement,	$3,063.09
	18	Cash of M. A. Morse, account school,	.25
	26	D. F. Shumway,	112.62
	27	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	45.10
March	4	Town of Pelham,	4.45
	9	D. F. Shumway,	200.59
	20	Samuel Allen,	27.17
	23	D. F. Shumway,	100.00
	28	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	41.85
	30	Town Farm, corn fodder,	4.90
April	13	Town of Palmer,	9.00
	13	D. F. Shumway,	287.30
	15	G. H. B. Greene, for book,	.25
	15	Town of Petersham,	12.64
	19	Town of Amherst,	187.05
	24	Town of Pelham,	7.68
May	1	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	74.70
	4	C. H. Snow, liquor license,	1.00
	6	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	6	D. F. Shumway,	126.89
	10	Samuel Allen,	9.33
	10	D. F. Shumway,	30.86
	10	City of Springfield,	5.00
	14	Circus license,	10.00
	30	N. Randall, Creamery Co..	70.55
	31	Amherst Bank, 3 months,	2,000.00

June	15	Cash of D. F. Shumway,	$ 65.00
	15	Fred Burnett, use of Town Hall,	3.00
	18	H. M. Jepson, butcher license,	1.00
	22	State Treasurer, ins. of animals and provision,	43.30
	27	Ira Damon, butcher license,	1.00
	29	Amherst Bank, 3 months,	2,000.00
July	1	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	72.79
	1	Guy C. Allen, auctioneer's license,	2.00
	1	D. F. Shumway,	58.76
	4	J. E. Clark, fines,	16.00
	8	Town of Prescott,	2.50
	9	Town of Petersham,	52.30
	10	H. H. Chilson, fines in Dist. Court,	8.00
	11	Fred Burnett, rent of Town Hall,	3.00
	19	State Treasurer, education of state paupers,	13.50
	19	State Treasurer, support of state children,	624.00
	20	Fred Burnett, rent of Town Hall,	1.50
	30	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	56.75
	30	James Peeso, for cow,	50.00
Aug.	1	C. B. King,	2.00
	5	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	7	D. F. Shumway, 1900 tax,	10.00
	7	D. F. Shumway,	294.37
	10	City of Chicopee,	10.00
	10	Mrs. Wilson Hamilton, use of land for lane to water,	1.00
	10	D. F. Shumway,	185.27
	13	N. Randall, use of Town Hall,	4.00
	17	D. F. Shumway, 1900 tax,	10.00
	17	D. F. Shumway,	334.08
	20	N. Randall, for grass,	1.00
	24	D. F. Shumway, 1900 tax,	19.55
	24	D. F. Shumway,	181.19
	27	M. A. Hubbard, for pork,	56.00
	31	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	54.95

Aug.	31	Cash of Amherst Bank,	$2,000.00
	31	D. F. Shumway,	274.25
Sept.	2	C. B. King,	4.00
	6	Town of Palmer, use of hearse,	2.00
	7	D. F. Shumway,	321.72
	9	J. A. Peeso, for cow,	50.00
	10	City of Chicopee,	13.25
	11	Town of Prescott,	3.50
	13	D. F. Shumway, 1900 tax,	31.00
	14	" "	471.93
	21	" "	460.73
	26	" "	250.60
	28	" "	1,359.09
	30	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	67.17
	30	D. F. Shumway,	729.91
Oct.	1	C. B. King,	1.00
	1	A. M. Bagg, butcher license,	1.00
	2	D. F. Shumway,	1,255.12
	2	" "	332.46
	7	" "	738.47
	9	" "	407.91
	10	City of Chicopee,	8.80
	11	H. H. Chilson, fines in Dist. Court,	10.00
	12	D. F. Shumway,	268.08
	16	" "	290.72
	17	Michael F. Austin, butcher license,	1.00
	19	D. F. Shumway.	318.47
	30	" "	500.00
	31	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	57.15
Nov.	1	D. F. Shumway,	18.82
	9	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	9	D. F. Shumway,	883.90
	23	" "	427.55
Dec.	2	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	59.73
	2	C. B. King,	2.00
	2	D. F. Shumway,	444.81
	3	George Alexander, butcher license,	1.00
	9	E. A. Randall,	.25

Dec.	11	Cash of State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	$ 289.05
	11	" " National Bank tax,	306.06
	11	" " State Aid,	1,276.00
	11	" " Burial indigent soldiers,	35.00
	14	D. F. Shumway,	380.80
	21	Sanford & Stebbins, logs from Town Farm,	14.91
	28	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	49.71
	28	D. F. Shumway,	396.23
1902.			
Jan.	3	J. E. Clark, fines in Dist. Court,	50.00
	4	D. F. Shumway,	669.71
	7	Town of Prescott,	6.50
	11	H. H. Chilson, fines in Dist. Court,	18.00
	11	D. F. Shumway,	373.44
	14	County Treasurer, dog fund,	354.81
	18	D. F. Shumway,	394.81
	21	Fred Burnett, use of Town Hall,	1.50
	22	Town of Petersham,	39.43
	25	State Treasurer, income Mass. School Fund,	917.44
	25	D. F. Shumway,	345.10
	28	John Stadler, butcher license,	1.00
Feb.	1	C. B. King,	3.50
	1	D. F. Shumway,	157.00
	3	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	34.66
	8	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	8	M. D. S. Longley, repairs on Franklin School House,	10.00
	8	D. F. Shumway,	46.00
	10	Fred Burnett, use of Town Hall,	3.00
	11	Town of Prescott,	12.14
	14	G. H. B. Greene, for book,	.55
	14	Fred Burnett, use of Town Hall,	1.25
	15	D. F. Shumway,	258.39
	15	M. A. Hubbard, driving hearse,	92.00
			$29,444.46

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1901.			
March	5	Cash paid D. H. Tillson, services in District Court, 1 case,	$ 11.65
May	7	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 1 case,	6.90
	11	State Treasurer, account liquor license,	.25
	16	D. H. Tillson, services in District Court, 1 case,	10.18
	31	Discount on note, Amherst Bank,	20.00
June	29	" " " "	20.00
July	8	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 5 cases,	33.15
Aug.	9	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 3 cases,	43.90
	9	D. H. Tillson, services in District Court, 2 cases,	6.28
	26	W. E. Bridgman, insurance on Engine House,	15.00
	31	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	31	Discount on Note, Amherst Bank,	13.34
Sept.	28	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
Oct.	2	Edwin H. Banister, County tax	1,560.65
	31	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
Nov.	1	M. S. Barton, services in District Court, 3 cases,	28.48
	1	F. M. Brockway, services in District Court, 1 case,	2.90
	1	D. H. Tillson, services in District Court,	.63
Dec.	11	State tax,	560.00
1902.			
Jan.	3	M. S. Barton, services in District Court,	17.89
	3	D. H. Tillson, services in District Court,	27.99
	3	Emory A. Bacon, services in District Court,	3.56

Feb.	4	Cash paid W. E. Bridgman, insurance on School House,	$ 37.50
	15	708 Town Orders due Selectmen,	19,104.14
		Services as Treasurer,	100.00
		Cash on hand,	1,820.07
			$29,444.46

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Report of Selectmen.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1902.

HIGHWAYS.

Paid E. C. Witt for breaking roads and work on same,	$152.50	
M. F. Austin, D. R. Ward, James Shea, John Flaherty, F. S. Wilson, Elzor Dam and John H. Bardwell on last year,	37.59	
Paving gutter at Bondsville,	14.27	
For moving back fence on New street,	7.00	
Patrick Sullivan, damage on highway,	3.93	
J. F. Garvey, damage on highway,	24.85	
A. D. Randall, superintendent of streets,	2,942.15	
" " services as superintendent,	47.00	
Daniel Kennedy, grading hill at Bondsville,	5.00	
Total amount expended on highway,		$3,234.29

(For full particulars see Supt. of Streets Report.)

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS TO THE SELECTMEN.

Paid E. B. Sanford, repairing highways,	$54.17
D. P. Spencer, repairing highways,	208.05
D. F. Shumway, repairing highways,	384.04
Peter Hanifin, repairing highways,	10.00
P. H. Garvey, repairing highways,	190.13

Paid James Moriarty, repairing highways,	$ 83.34
M. F. Austin, repairing highways,	194.50
E. R. Blackmer, repairing highways,	81.79
A. L. Jencks, repairing highways,	65.28
G. C. Allen, repairing highways,	103.68
M. F. Austin, repairing highways,	57.30
Joseph Legrande, repairing highways,	52.25
David R. Ward, repairing highways,	82.85
Geo. W. Knight, repairing highways,	93.62
Wm. Wilson, repairing highways,	3.00
F. A. Randolph, repairing highways,	45.25
C. S. Osgood, repairing highways,	1.00
Henry Paine, repairing highways,	31.05
F. M. Fuller, repairing highways,	8.45
David Jepson, repairing highways,	27.50
Geo. H. B. Greene, repairing highways,	1.50
A. B. & A. C. Shaw, repairing highways,	4.00
F. M. Wilson, repairing highways,	47.16
A. F. Lampson, repairing highways,	15.67
A. M. Baggs, repairing highways,	20.00
E. A. Randall, repairing highways,	4.50
George Warner, repairing highways,	15.00
Daniel Kennedy, repairing highways,	104.00
E. A. Dodge, repairing scraper,	10.25
George Allen, scraper edge and bolts,	8.30
Freight on scraper edge,	.25
T. D. Potter & Co., lumber, tile, cement, etc.,	40.01
A. H. Bartlett, lumber,	9.90
Freight and cartage on tile, etc.,	2.26
Gardner Blackmer, labor,	.30
R. L. Weston, labor,	.37
Sanford & Stebbins, lumber,	21.80
Louis Germain, labor,	.68
L. E. Ballou, work and pipes for water tank,	5.07
J. R. Gould, labor,	1.00
F. D. Chamberlain, plank,	.70
H. D. Hoag, rebuilding Tylerville bridge,	50.62

Paid Henry McKillop, repairing roads,		$ 6.25	
C. L. Randall, drawing stone West Ware bridge, etc.,		4.40	
A. C. Smith, graveling Three Rivers road,		139.20	
M. G. Ward, graveling Blue Meadow road,		27.76	
Town of Palmer, painting Bondsville bridge,		18.50	
Town of Palmer, new planking Bondsville bridges,		65.40	
New iron bridge at West Ware,		350.00	
Paid,			$2,752.10
For grading the hill at Bondsville,			113.25
Paid,			$2,865.35
Received,			2,942.15
Cash on hand,			$ 76.80
Appropriation for grading,	$150.00		
Less the	113.25		
Balance used in paving gutter,	$ 36.75		
Appropriation for highways,		$3,500.00	
Unexpended balance of last year,		280.75	
Total,		$3,780.75	
			$2,752.10
Bills paid by the Selectmen,			59.80
Total,			$2,811.90
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1902,		$968.85	

A. D. RANDALL, *Superintendent of Streets.*

SIDEWALK REPORT.

Paid Daniel Kennedy and help for grading ready for the concrete,	$33.65	
D. F. Dotney for 232 8-9 yards of concrete walk,	93.12	
It was found necessary to protect the sidewalk from washing; this was done by paving the gutter between the road and the sidewalk at an expense of	50.75	
Total,		$177.52
The appropriation for the sidewalk was	100.00	
The abutters have paid	26.50	
Total,		126.50
Deficit,		51.02
The appropriation for grading the hill near by this walk was	150.00	
The expense of grading the hill was	113.25	
Balance left over was		36.75
This $36.75 we have used to pay the deficit in sidewalk and paving gutter.		
The balance of $14.27 we have taken from Highway account, and charged over to that account.		$14.27

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
E. A. RANDALL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1902.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN FARM AND PROPERTY CONNECTED WITH THE SAME.

Home farm and buildings,	$5,000.00	
Two wood lots,	500.00	
Abbey pasture, 104 acres,	500.00	
		$6,000.00
Household furniture, beds and bedding,	420 00	
Stove wood, 27 cords,	120.00	
Provisions of all kinds,	150.00	
		690.00
LIVE STOCK.		
1 pair of horses,	300.00	
9 cows,	382.50	
3 cows and 2 heifers,	150.00	
3 yearlings,	40.00	
8 hogs,	125.00	
81 hens,	60.75	
		1,058.25
17½ tons of good hay,	315.00	
2 tons of good meadow hay,	20.00	
1½ tons of corn fodder,	12.00	
½ ton of rye straw,	9.00	
		$356.00

4500 of grain and 200 of cracked corn,	$68.00	
		68.00
Farming tools, wagons, sleds, harness etc.,	500.00	
		500.00
950 cakes of ice,	60.00	
Hearse and sleigh,	350.00	
		410.00
Total,		$9,082.25

Comparing this with last year's inventory it will be seen to be $649.75 less. Now your Overseers of the Poor have not made this reduction because we think the household furniture or the farming tools are worth any less than last year, but because we think these two items have been inventoried altogether too high for several years past.

We have paid for fitting up a dump-cart,	$19.25
For new wood-work for wheel harrow,	9.75
For repairs on express wagon,	8.00
For one pair new collars for team harness,	9.00
to say nothing of small repairs,	
	$46.00

A STATEMENT OF THE WARDEN'S MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

1901.			*Dr.*	*Cr.*
April	1	To May 1, cash received,	$13.16	
		Paid for various supplies, etc.,		$ 9.50
May	1	To June 1, cash received,	18.55	
		Paid for supplies and incidentals,		11.48
June	1	To July 1, cash received,	12.36	
		Paid for supplies and incidentals,		11.65
July	1	To Aug. 1, cash received,	4.54	
		Paid for supplies and incidentals,		9.38
Aug.	1	To Sept. 2, cash received,	69.02	
		Paid for supplies and incidentals,		13.02
	27	Paid to A. Bridgman, treasurer,		56.00

Sept.	2	To Oct. 1, cash received,	$21.52	
		Paid for supplies and incidentals,		$13.64
Oct.	1	To Nov. 1, cash received,	6.00	
		Paid for supplies and incidentals,		15.27
Nov.	1	To Dec. 1, cash received,	13.42	
		Paid for supplies and incidentals,		11.80
Dec.	1	To Jan. 1, 1902, cash received,	12.50	
		Paid for supplies and incidentals,		7.25
1902.				
Jan.	1	To Feb. 1, cash received,	16.28	
		Paid for incidentals,		20.65
Feb.	1	To Feb. 15, cash received,	3.40	
		Paid clothing and supplies,		5.70
			$190.75	$185.34
			185.34	
		Balance in hands of Warden,	$5.41	

M. A. HUBBARD, *Warden.*

EXPENSE AT THE TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. F. Berry, warden last year,	$39.63
Merton A. Hubbard, warden this year,	166.69
A. E. Corey, labor on farm,	116.70
Sylvester Corey, "	5.00
George Harvey, "	15.00
Florence Morrison, for labor in house,	13.75
Lida Girouard, " "	10.31
Cora Corey, " "	73.11
George E. Sanford, grain and feed,	481.96
E. F. Towne, " "	11.50
Dr. Geo. F. Thomson, med. services, Mrs. Piper,	9.00

Paid Dr. C. B. King, for Asthma medicine,	$17.25
" " medical services town poor,	37.50
J. R. Gould, ice town farm,	2.50
Wm. A. Snow, table for almshouse,	2.50
S. P. Fleming, repairing washing machine,	1.75
W. H. Squires, baskets,	1.10
Eugene Randall, plow points,	.85
A. E. Dodge, repairing harrow,	9.75
Pratt Brothers, for plank, sawing and planing,	4.56
E. C. Witt, use of bull,	3.00
A. E. Dodge, repairs on cart,	19.25
C. H. Randall, 61 hens and chickens,	36.60
Sylvester Corey, pasturing stock,	10.73
A. W. Stacey, use of bull,	3.00
A. E. Dodge, express wagon repairs,	8.00
Lewis Germain, balance on heifers,	19.26
F. W. Fellows, colic cure,	1.30
A. Hubbard, white washing,	5.00
F. W. Fellows, collars and repairs harnesses,	13.35
F. L. Stebbins, supplies for machine,	3.30
Mr. Bates, sawing shingles and lumber,	21.73
Thomas Mansfield, horse shoeing and repairs,	27.55
Carter & Girouard, blacksmithing,	13.38
Fellows & Shumway, repairs on harnesses,	24.55
D. P. Spencer, fertilizer,	45.50
M. A. Hubbard, soap,	14.00
L. E. Ballou, wash boiler, chimney top and sundry repairs,	18.25

1901–1902.

Paid Arthur Bridgman, supplies at Almshouse	$116.60
Wm. E. Bridgman, " "	34.34
D. L. Hazen, " "	129.33
W. L. Sanford, " "	112.23
J. W. Jackson, " "	117.10
F. F. Dewey, " "	29.73
H. A. Hopkins, " "	47.91
Ward & Prior, " "	3.39

Paid A. H. Hubbard, cutting 10 cords wood and labor,	$12.00	
Mr. Plough, cutting 10 cords wood,	8.50	
Walter Dunsbar, cutting 950 cakes of ice,	9.50	
Roderick Weston, labor at town farm,	4.50	
C. Lamson, labor with team, town farm,	6.00	
C. H. Snow, supplies for Almshouse,	9.69	
Total expenditures paid by overseers of poor,		$1,952.98

RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES PAID TREASURER.

James Peeso, two cows,	$100.00	
Warden, for pork,	56.00	
Warden, for cream,	773.31	
Cash received of C. B. King, M. D.,	12.50	
Driving hearse for the year,	92.00	
		$1,033.81
		$919.17
Increase on live stock, hay and grain,	$56.25	
Due for use of boar,	7.00	
Due from state for Edward Carroll,	4.00	
		$ 67.25
Actual expense of paupers at the Almshouse,		$851.92
Average number of inmates at Almshouse,		7½
Number of tramps lodged at Almshouse,		89

PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

1901.			
Feb.	18	Jason Hurlbert, care Geo. Brackett,	$78.55
	18	L. A. Smith, casket for A. L. Gates,	30.00
March	1	A. F. Warren, M. D., medical attendance (George Brackett),	58.50
		Marian E. White, nursing George Brackett,	50.00
		Nellie M. Stone, care and board of Sally Pratt for the year,	78.20

March 1	Mrs. Heffernan, partial support of two children five months,	$ 42.50
	Lewis F. Babbitt, treasurer, care of the insane for the year,	577.55
	Thomas O'Brian, partial support for the year,	27.33
	Cooley family, for rent for the year,	48.00
	Clifford family, partial support,	25.50
	Frank Duschine family, partial support,	25.27
	Charles A. Forbes and wife, partial support,	25.80
	K. C. Haynes, partial support,	29.00
	Mrs. Lines, " "	12.13
	Dr. C. B. King, medical, Dunleavy and Mrs. Gibbs,	18.50
	Dr. C. B. King, medical, Dunleavy and Mrs. Gibbs,	6.50
	Paid for board of John Pratt's children,	15.85
	For coffin and burial of John Pratt's child,	7.00
	Town of Leverett, coffin, Classon Pratt,	12.00
	L. A. Smith, burial Classon Pratt,	2.50
	Wm. Boyce, opening grave for Pratt child,	1.50
	Dr. King, medical attendance, Lincourt boy,	32.05
	Dr. King, medical attendance, Frank Miller,	7.50
	Thomas Roche, opening grave, Poland child,	2.00
	City of Springfield, supplies, H. Moulton,	7.38
	D. L. Hazen, supplies for McDonald family,	4.88

March 1	Paid W. L. Sanford, supplies for McDonald family,	$ 5.25	
	Dr. King, medical attendance, Mrs. Gibbs,	22.14	
	Cooley family, supplies for partial support,	13.45	
	Dr. Geo. F. Thomson, attendance, Cooley girl,	11.50	
	Total expenditures,		$1,278.33

Of this amount we have received from the towns named below the following sums, namely:

Amherst,	$187.05	
Palmer,	11.00	
Pelham,	12.13	
Prescott,	24.64	
Petersham,	104.37	
City of Springfield,	5.00	
City of Chicopee,	32.05	
From the State,	13.50	
And from N. Russell for support of Hannah L. Russell,	169.00	
		$553.74
Deducting this amount from first expense to the town of	$1,278.33	
It leaves the total expense of paupers outside the almshouse,	553.74	
		$724.59

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
E. A. RANDALL,
} *Overseers of Poor.*

Town Account.

1901.			
Feb.	18	William A. Snow, burial agent,	$35.00
	18	A. B. Shaw, services as registrar,	11.00
	21	A. C. Shaw, " election officer,	3.00
March	1	M. S. Barton, services as selectman,	11.36
	1	" " " constable,	5.60
April	1	" " " at Northampton, grade crossing at depot,	9.00
	1	C. B. King, services as auditor and returning births,	3.75
	1	F. J. Berry, to pair handcuffs,	3.00
	1	R. K. Shumway, painting hearse,	25.00
	1	J. B. Knight, A. E. Peeso and F. F. Dewey, services as election officers,	4.50
	1	C. B. Fiske & Co., printing 500 town reports and ballots,	47.00
	1	E. A. Randall, services at Northampton, 3 times on grade crossing,	9.00
	1	E. A. Randall, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	16.12
	1	Wm. A. Snow, burial agent, F. F. Cooley,	35.00
	1	E. C. Witt, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	10.50
May	1	Samuel Allen, surveying road, Bondsville,	2.00
	1	D. F. Shumway, part payment collecting taxes, 1901,	50.00
	1	E. C. Howard, printing 1000 bill heads,	2.50
	1	F. L. Stebbins, services in grade crossing case,	8.52
	1	A. C. Smith, services in grade crossing case,	3.00

May	1	D. L. Hazen, supplies for town hall,	$ .58
	1	Frank Austin, services as election officer twice,	3.50
	1	Roswell Allen, services as election officer, once,	2.00
	1	Oliver Shannon, laying out cellar for engine house,	3.00
	1	Wakefield Daily Item, dog blanks,	2.00
	1	Geo. W. Coleman, laying underpinning and chimney for engine house,	15.50
	1	N. Randall, traveling expenses to date,	9.88
June	1	J. F. McDonald, abatement of 1899 tax,	8.51
	1	H. D. Hoag, part payment for building engine house,	350.00
	1	L. E. Balou, repairing chemical engine,	1.00
		J. R. Gould, for Memorial Day,	50.00
		Samuel Allen, for collecting balance taxes 1899,	25.00
July	1	W. H. N. Belding, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	D. R. Ward, services as election officer,	1.50
	1	F. E. Burnett, care of town hall,	10.00
	1	Geo. H. B. Greene, moderator annual town meeting,	4.00
	1	Calvin Coolidge, legal services grade crossing,	100.00
	1	H. D. Hoag, balance for building engine-house,	300.00
	1	D. F. Shumway, abatement on taxes of 1900,	35.26
Aug.	1	E. C. Howard, bicycle notices,	2.00
Sept	2	A. H. Hubbard, painting engine house,	25.00
	2	F. W. Fellows, pair of straps for sexton,	3.50
	2	L. W. Dillon, team to take state highway commissioners over proposed state highway,	5.00
	2	Wm. A. Snow, burial agent, Geo. S. Calkins,	35.00
	2	D. L. Hazen, supplies for town hall,	3.25
Oct.	1	A. H. Hubbard, painting steps and slats, engine house,	2.25
	1	H. D. Hoag, sheathing engine house,	52.00
	1	Samuel Allen, location of road on New street,	1.00
	1	A. Bridgman, nails for engine house,	2.60
	1	Guy C. Allen Jr., services as assessor and supplies, postage and express,	99.22
	1	F. B. Alden, services as assessor,	90.00
	1	A. L. Pratt, services as assessor,	90.00

Oct.	1	D. F. Shumway, abatement seven taxes, 1900,	$12.43
	1	E. R. Bridgman, adm. oaths selectmen,	.50
	1	C. B. Fiske & Co., record and order books,	11.75
	1	Wm. Boyce, taking care 11 lots in cemetery,	23.00
Nov.	1	P. B. Murphy, marriage intention book,	4.75
	1	Board of Cattle Commissioners, branding stamp and outfit complete,	1.75
	1	F. A. Randolph, services as special police,	2.50
	1	Geo. M. Fisher, work with team, engine house,	2.25
	1	D. P. Spencer, work and cement for engine house,	8.50
	1	T. D. Potter & Co., lumber for engine house,	77.43
Paid		E. C. & E. E. Davis, plan and survey at grade crossing, depot,	126.45
		J. R. Gould, inspecting meat,	123.75
		D. F. Shumway, balance due for collecting taxes of 1900,	50.00
		E. A. Pease, M. L. Sanford and E. A. Randall, election officers,	4.50
		F. G. Shaw, driving hearse, Colgrove,	2.00
		Oliver Shannon, estimating damage by lightning on Town Farm,	1.00
		Sanford & Stebbins, wood, Town House,	3.00
		Wm. E. Bridgman, two sets fastenings for engine houses,	9.80
		H. A. Smith, M. D., returning births,	1.50
		D. R. Ward, Guy C. Allen Jr. and M. P. Bowler, election officers,	4.50
		J. R. Gould, inspecting neat cattle,	101.62
		Guy C. Allen, wood for Town House,	5.25
		M. L. Ayers, labor, town well, and nails,	1.61
		Geo. H. B. Greene, services grade crossing,	2.12
		Edward F. Esty, legal services, Shannon case,	10.00
		Geo. B. Jackson, ringing bell and care of town clock,	48.00
		D. B. Sullivan, M. D., returning births,	.25
		W. B. Shaw, repairing town pump,	10.80
		Hammond & Field, counsel at law,	9.00
		M. S. Barton, services as constable for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1902,	10.45

Paid R. K. Shumway, services as registrar,			$ 11.00
D. F. Shumway, abatement on taxes,			90.31
A. C. Smith, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,			59.75
Nelson Randall, services as selectman and overseer of the poor, traveling expenses, postage, etc.,			142.76
E. A. Randall, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,			82.00
D. P. Clapp, treas. Clapp memorial library, dog fund,			354.81
Feb.	15	Geo. F. Thomson, returning births,	4.75
	15	H. A. Hopkins, rent of barn for hook and ladder truck,	6.00
	15	A. Bridgman, supplies for town hall,	9.52
	15	A. Bridgman, services as town clerk, recording births, deaths and marriages, blanks and express,	99.32
	15	A. Bridgman, railroad fare, postage, etc.,	15.34
	15	L. A. Smith, returning deaths for the year,	8.00
	15	A. C. Shaw, services as election officer 2 times,	3.00
	15	A. B. Shaw, services as registrar for year,	11.00
	15	A. B. Howard, services of several parties putting out fire,	3.50
	15	M. G. Ward, services as election officer 2 times,	3.00
	15	M. S. Barton, Geo. W. Canterbury, T. D. Potter & Co., repairs on Franklin schoolhouse, glass, etc.,	10.00
	15	M. A. Hubbard, warden, driving hearse,	92.00
	15	Wm. Boyce, extra work on Shaw lot,	2.00
Total amount paid out on Town Account,			$3,307.42
Less abatement of taxes,			147.21
Resources of the town,			$3,160.21

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from the State for salary of cattle and meat inspector,	$ 112.68	
from the Sate for state aid,	1,494.00	

Due from the State for military aid,	$ 20.00	
from the State for burial of soldiers,	105.00	
from the State for care and board of Edward Carrol,	4.00	
from the town of Petersham,	3.25	
Balance in tax collector's hands.	689.58	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	1,820.07	
		$4,248.58
Paid on bills approved by the School Committee for additions and general repairs,	1,160.60	
For school account,	6,554.48	

(For particulars see school committee report.)

We issued during the year 708 town orders amounting to $19,104.14

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
E. A. RANDALL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 18th, 1902.

I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Belchertown and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the hands of the Treasurer and on deposit the sum of $1,820.07.

C. B. KING, *Auditor.*

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Report of the Burial Ground Commissioners for the Year Ending Feb. 15th, 1902.

Unexpended balance last year,	$32.00	
Appropriation, March meeting, 1901,	25.00	
		$57.00

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid David R. Ward for mowing West Hill, Union and Blue Meadow cemeteries, also for labor and lumber for fencing Blue Meadow and Union cemeteries,	$12.50	
E. S. Lane for mowing Holyoke and Liberty cemeteries, also for labor fencing Union and Blue Meadow cemeteries and for restaking and making a chart of Mill Valley cemetery,	$15.00	
For blacksmithing,	1.75	
Merrick Whitemore for mowing Mill Valley cemetery,	8.00	
Sylvester Corey for mowing Lake Vale cemetery,	5.00	
N. Randall for labor at Mill Valley, Union and Blue Meadow cemeteries,	6.50	
Cash,	.10	
D. L. Hazen for wire for fencing,	3.94	
		$52.79
Unexpended balance,		$4.21

NELSON RANDALL,
E. S. LANE,
D. R. WARD,
} *Burial Ground Commissioners.*

Collector's Report.

Balance in Collector's hands Feb. 15, 1901 for tax 1900,	$1,049.87
Amount collected and paid Treasurer,	1,049.87
The amount committed to your Collector, as per Assessors' Warrant, dated July 1, 1901 was,	14,406.87
Amount of added assessment,	34.82
Total,	$14,441.69
He has collected and paid to the treasurer,	13,752.11
Balance in Collector's hands,	$689.58
A sidewalk tax was assessed amounting to,	26.50
Amount collected and paid to treasurer,	26.50

D. F. Shumway, *Collector.*

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the year ending, Dec. 31, 1901.

STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January,	2	April,	4	July,	2	October,	5
February,	3	May,	5	August,	2	November,	5
March,	6	June,	1	September,	5	December,	2

Males, 22; Females, 20; Total, 42.

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions recorded,			17
Number of marriages recorded,			15
First marriage,	Males, 13;	Females,	15
Second marriage,	Males, 1;	Females,	0
Third marriage,	Males, 1;	Females,	0
Youngest male married,			21
Youngest female married,			17
Oldest male married,			43
Oldest female married,			31

DEATHS.

January,	8	April,	4	July,	6	October,	4
February,	6	May,	4	August,	5	November,	5
March,	8	June,	0	September,	1	December,	2

Males, 28; Females, 24; Sex not given, 1; Total, 53.
Native born, 41; Foreign born, 12.

Lung Disease,	11	Heart Disease,	1
Old age,	4	Apoplexy,	5

Other causes, 32.

Number of town meetings,	4
Mortgages recorded during the year,	5
Lease,	1

DOG LICENSE.

Males, 193 at $2.00,	$386.00	
Females, 16 at $5.00,	80.00	
1 kennel license,	50.00	
		$516.00

Paid the above amount (less fees) to county treasurer.

RETURN OF BIRTHS.

S. O. Miller, M. D.,	3
G. F. Thompson, M. D.,	16
R. E. Dickson, M. D.,	7
W. B. Segur, M. D.,	2
H. A. Smith, M. D.,	6
A. F. Warren, M. D.,	6
C. B. King, M. D.,	1
Horatio Marsh,	1

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

List of Jurors.

Martin W. Bardwell,
A. H. Hubbard,
F. W. Fellows,
Henry R. Gould,
Charles L. Jincks,
Herman Lane,
C. D. Ward,
John J. Austin,
E. A. Randall,
Harry H. Ward,
Irwin Mills,
E. C. Witt,
P. D. Spencer,
A. B. Howard,
George Akers,
George S. Warner,
Almon Pratt,
Arthur Bridgman,
Oliver Shannon,
F. B. Purdy,
Alden Day,
Guy C. Allen,
F. G. Shaw,
Thomas Cody,
George M. Fisher,
Dwight F. Shumway,
F. D. Walker,
Edward Gay,
Eugene Randall,
E. B. Sanford,
David R. Ward,
H. A. Hopkins.

Forest Fire Warden's Report.

During the past year there have been five field and forest fires. April 13, a fire on lands of Joly and others in North Belchertown; the Fire Warden secured help, and the fire was stopped at an expense of $3.50. This fire started from burning brush by the owner of the farm. April 27, a fire on the Dudley farm in the west part of the town. With the help of neighbors the fire was stopped before reaching wood and timber lands. This fire doubtless had its origin from a lighted match thrown by the roadside by a passing traveler. April 30—This fire, in the west part of the town and near the Union schoolhouse, burned over many acres of wood and timber lands. The fire was finally stopped by the help rendered by the Dep. Fire Warden and his assistants. The C. V. R. R. Company paid for the services rendered. April, a fire on lands of Wright, Bardwell, and others in the south part of the town. Origin, from sparks from a locomotive on the C. V. R. R.

May 6. This fire, on sprout lands of George F. Chandler, started from sparks of a locomotive on the Boston and Maine R. R. There were several other field or forest fires during the early Spring but fortunately with small loss.

A. B. HOWARD, *Forest Fire Warden.*

Elected Tree Ward

Report of School Committee.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1901,	$2,011.00	
Appropriation March 4, 1901,	5,200.00	
Received from State School Fund,	917.44	
Received tuition of State wards,	624.00	
Received from Bridgman Fund,	242.40	
Received for books sold,	.80	
		$8,995.64

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Teachers' wages from Town Treasury,	$5,211.27	
Teachers' wages from Bridgman Fund,	242.40	
Cost of fuel,	299.63	
Cost of janitor's service,	120.25	
Cost of books and supplies,	534.52	
Cost of musical instruction,	73.66	
Cost of school supervision,	276.50	
Miscellaneous expenses,	38.65	
	$6,796.88	
Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1902,	2,198.76	
		$8,995.64

BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

(Chargeable to Town Account.)

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1901,	$ 28.06	
Appropriation March 4, 1901, for Center schools,	700.00	
East Hill,	100.00	
general repairs,	100.00	
	$928.06	
Expended in excess of appropriations,	232.54	
		$1,160.60

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for enlarging and repairs, Center,	$876 19	
Furnishings and repairs, East Hill,	90.19	
General repairs,	194.22	
		$1,160.60

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1901,	$100.00
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1902,	100.00

DETAILED STATEMENT.

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	W'KS.	PER WEEK.	TOTAL.
High School,	C. A. Guild,	12	22.22\frac{2}{9}$	$266.67
" "	" "	24	25.00	600.00
" "	Grace M. Chapin,	12	10.00	120.00
" "	Ida St. George,	24	10.00	240.00
Center Grammar,	Ida L. Shaw,	32	10.00	320.00
" Intermediate,	Mabel E. Ryther,	11	10.00	110.00
" "	Helen R. Jameson,	21	10.00	210.00
" Primary,	Louise E. Allen,	11	10.00	110.00

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	W'KS.	PER WEEK.	TOTAL.
Center Primary,	Marion L. Whitelaw,	11	$ 9.00	$ 99.00
" "	" "	10	10.00	100.00
Mill Valley,	Julia Austin,	11	5.50	60.50
" "	Nellie Shea,	21	5.00	105.00
Cold Spring,	Marion L. Bartlett,	32	7.00	224.00
Franklin Grammar,	Nettie M. Shaw,	32	7.00	224.00
" Primary,	Nellie J. Landers,	32	8.00	256.00
Liberty,	Nellie L. Sullivan,	32	7.00	224.00
Washington,	Leona Williams,	32	5.00	160.00
Rock Rimmon,	Lulu Austin,	32	5.50	176.00
Chestnut Hill,	Grace M. Fisher,	21	7.00	147.00
" "	Arthur E. Pease,	10	7.50	75.00
Holyoke,	Rose M. Olds,	22	6.50	143.00
"	" "	10	7.00	70.00
Federal,	Libbie C. Gutberlett,	32	6.50	208.00
Lake Vale,	S. Belle Snow,	11	5.50	60.50
"	" "	21	6.00	126.00
Union,	Luella P. Hawks,	10	7.50	75.00
"	Ruby F. Knight,	11	7.00	77.00
"	Frank J. Morse,	11	7.50	82.50
West Hill,	Anna Knight,	23	5.00	115.00
"	Daisy Knight,	9	5.00	45.00
East Hill,	Arthur E. Pease,	11	7.50	82.50
"	Agnes Cummings,	21	6.00	126.00
Laurel,	Edith Towne,	32	6.50	208.00
Blue Meadow,	Julia B. Smith,	32	6.50	208.00
				$5,453.67
Less Bridgman high school fund,				242.40
Cost to the town,				$5,211,27

COST OF MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.

Miss Butterfield's salary,	$50.00	
" " transportation,	12.50	
Chart and music books,	11.16	
		$73.66

COST OF FUEL.

Guy C. Allen, Jr.,	wood,	$ 5.50
M. W. Bardwell,	"	11.00
A. H. Bartlett,	"	17.00
Geo. R. Dickinson,	"	10.00
Albert Flury,	"	6.63
Geo. H.B. Greene,	"	25.00
Peter Hanifin,	"	5.00
Henry Jucket,	"	20.00
Daisy Knight,	"	9.00
Thomas O'Connor,	"	41.00
A. E. Pease,	"	2.00
J. A. Peeso,	"	56.25
Pratt Brothers,	"	10.50
C. H. Randall,	"	15.00
F. A. Randolph,	"	16.50
E. S. Snow,	"	4.50
Thomas Sullivan,	"	12.00
Sanford & Stebbins,	"	5.75
C. H. Walker,	"	15.00
D. R. Ward,	"	10.00
Cyril Courtland,	sawing,	2.00
		$299.63

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

American Book Co., books,	$85.44
Allyn & Bacon, books,	13.34
A. H. Bartlett, books and supplies,	62.63
C. B. Beach & Co., cyclopedia,	9.50
Marion Bartlett, supplies,	2.50
Arthur Bridgman, supplies,	4.90
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	1.20
Boston School Supply Co., books,	24.48
Butler, Sheldon & Co., books,	22.25
Ginn & Co., books,	59.05
Rev. J. M. Gage, printing,	2.50
Howard, Brown & Co., diplomas,	2.65

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	$13.47	
C. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	18.58	
D. L. Hazen & Co., supplies,	2.39	
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	27.26	
R. J. Kimball, maps,	8.00	
H. R. Johnson & Co., dictionaries,	9.00	
Leavenworth & Green, supplies,	40.40	
Maria S. Longley, supplies,	2.90	
Maynard & Merrill, books,	21.10	
Rose M. Olds, supplies,	1.22	
Rand, McNally & Co., books and supplies,	30.98	
Thomas R. Shewell & Co., books,	24.30	
Wm. B. Shaw, cyclopedia,	3.00	
C. H. Snow, supplies,	.15	
Thomson, Brown & Co., books,	41.33	
		$534.52

COST OF JANITORS.

Cyril Courtland, High and Center,	$75.00	
Paid in other schools,	45.25	
		$120.25

COST OF SUPERVISION.

Geo. H. B. Greene, salary,	$ 95.00	
Maria S. Longley, "	100.00	
M. A. Morse, "	65.00	
	$260.00	
D. F. Shumway, truant officer,	16.50	
		$276.50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Cyril Courtland, cleaning school rooms,	$ 6.00	
Ida St. George, board, 1 week,	3.50	
Freight, express, cartage, postage, etc.,	28.90	
		38.65
Total charged to school account,		$6,554.48

REPAIRS IN DETAIL.

Enlarging, repairing and furnishing Center School rooms.

Shannon and Peeso, labor and material,	$575.00	
Garrett and Ford, fire escape, columns, etc.,	41.64	
Levenworth and Green, furniture and slate,	132.25	
Geo. S. Perry, " "	13.50	
Geo. Kelley, paint and painting,	52.50	
Sundry bills for labor,	35.75	
Freight and cartage,	25.55	
		$876.19

EAST HILL SCHOOL.

J. L. Hammett & Co., furniture,	$60.68	
Levenworth & Green, teacher's desk,	9.00	
Freight,	7.32	
A. E. Pease and others, labor,	9.50	
Small supplies,	3.69	
		$90.19

GENERAL REPAIRS.

T. D. Potter, Franklin school,	$35.42	
L. E. Ballou, Franklin, Center and Lake Vale,	23.75	
B. L. Thresher, stove and labor,	13.95	
D. L. Hazen, paint, etc.,	28.14	
A. A. Ward, painting, etc., West Hill,	8.50	
F. L. Stebbins, shingles, Chestnut Hill,	13.50	
Wm. Bell, shingling, Chestnut Hill,	6.35	
C. H. Walker, Federal and Union,	5.50	
Levenworth & Green, state, Rock Rimmon,	8.00	
F. C. Randolph, Blue Meadow,	2.00	
Frank Bartlett, Cold Spring,	2.00	
M. W. Bardwell, Washington,	3.25	
Thomas Sullivan, Liberty,	4.00	
H. A. Hopkins,	6.28	
Arthur Bridgman,	3.24	
Sundry small bills paid,	30.34	
		$194.22

Total charged Town Account, $1,160.60

SUMMARY.

Bills approved by School Committee.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Teachers' wages,	$5,211.27	
Fuel,	299.63	
Janitors,	120.25	
Books and supplies,	534.52	
Musical instruction,	73.66	
School committee,	260.00	
Truant officer,	16.50	
Miscellaneous expenses,	38.65	
		$6,554.48

TOWN ACCOUNT.

Building, repairs and furnishings,	$1,160.60
Total,	$7,715.08

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled,	487
" " between 5 and 15,	496
" " " 8 and 14,	325
" " under 5,	7
" " over 15,	38
Perfect in attendance one year,	24
" " two terms,	29
" " one term,	93
Average wages of high school teachers per month,	94.44\frac{4}{9}$
" " assistant high school teachers per month,	40.00
" " male teachers in common schools,	30.00
" " female " " "	27.82

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools in 1902.

To include all items chargeable to school account, except musical instructor,	$6,000.00	
For musical instruction,	225.00	
For general repairs,	200.00	
		$6,425.00

GEO. H. B. GREENE,
MARIA D. S. LONGLEY,
M. A. MORSE,
School Committee of Belchertown.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 15, 1902.

To the School Committee of Belchertown:

I have received during the year from the School Committee, and from teachers, fifteen summonses to attend to absentees from school. To all of these I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANTS.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number.	No. enrolled.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 8 and 14.	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.
High	67	47	0	30	17	5	45	43	60	56	58	53
Center Grammar	51	27	0	2	47	33	26	23	33	31	32	29
Center Intermediate	51	40	0	0	40	34	37	34	31	30	26	24
Center Primary	51	47	0	0	47	21	39	36	35	31	25	22
Mill Valley	9	9	1	1	7	4	8	7	7	6	8	7
Cold Spring	26	25	0	0	26	19	22	20	17	14	13	12
Franklin Grammar	20	15	0	0	20	20	14	12	18	10	18	15
Franklin Primary	38	38	2	0	36	9	31	29	29	25	29	27
Liberty	37	35	1	0	36	21	33	30	28	27	28	27
Washington	12	7	0	1	11	7	8	6	10	8	8	8
Rock Rimmon	22	15	1	1	13	8	15	10	15	10	11	7
Chestnut Hill	33	33	1	2	30	20	26	23	23	22	23	22
Holyoke	35	29	0	0	35	21	23	16	30	22	22	20
Federal	32	22	1	0	31	17	21	19	26	24	27	24
Lake Vale	15	13	0	0	13	11	10	9	13	11	12	10
Union	41	36	0	0	36	31	30	29	26	24	24	22
West Hill	13	13	0	0	13	13	10	8	6	5	6	6
East Hill	12	9	0	0	12	8	9	8	9	8	9	7
Laurel	15	14	0	0	14	14	14	12	13	12	10	9
Blue Meadow	13	13	0	1	12	9	11	11	11	10	13	12
	593	487	7	38	496	325	432	385	440	386	402	363

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOUR YEARS.

Charles Austin.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS.

Florence Gould,
George Morency,
Wilbur Rogers.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Maude Austin,
Ella Moriarty,
Everett Geer.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

Raymond Austin,
Florence Baggs,
Wendell Bemis,
Edna Damon,
Lucy Geer,
Katherine Moriarty,
Julia Sanford,
Fanny Thayer,
John Austin,
Ray Bardwell,
Chester Canterbury,
Helen Guild,
Myrtle Kezar,
Roscoe Nantz,
William Shea,
Agnes Thayer,
Carlton Eugene White.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Francis Austin,
Helen Allen,
Eddie Rogers,
John Sullivan,
Edith Thayer,
Bridget Fitzgerald,
Leon Aldrich,
Alice Guild,
Patrick Keys,
Henry Cooley,

Helen Adkins,
John Gould,
Philip Sanford,
Chauncey Walker,
Harry Aldrich,
Grace Thayer,
John Sullivan,
Cora Randolph,
Robert Baggs,
Marcella Carmody,
Bessie Randolph,
Willie Ginty,
Laura Bridges,
Beatrice Barrett,
Willie Keys,
Gertrude Shea,
Arthur Shelden,
Leon Williams,
George LeGrande.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Edgar Rhodes,
Charles Rhodes,
Grace Thayer,
Robert Briggs,
Irvine Pratt,
Minnie Moriarty,
Margaret Moriarty,
Ora Berry,
Roy Baggs,
John Mellen,
Florence Thompson,
Walter Campbell,
Lucy Capen,
John Lyons,
Joe Lyons,
Florence Morse,
Joseph Murphy,
Howard Spencer,
Kitty Adkins,
Ruth Ballou,
Esther Dodge,
Phyllis Hopkins,
Paul Mott,
Alfred Jackman,
Raymond Gay,
Daisy Canterbury,
Gertrude Moriarty,
Joseph Allen,
Beatrice Bolter,
Mabel Geer,
Alice Geer,
Eileen Kennedy,
Bessie Mahoney,
Howard Mahoney,
Clarence Peverall,
Michael Clayton,
Gladys Doherty,
Eulick Jukurkie,
Lawrence Hayden,
Clifton Witt,
Ethel Doherty,
Horace Adkins,
Clifton Hamilton,
Clinton Hamilton,
Maud Burrage,
Frances Gould,
Richard Michet,
Cyril Cortlandt,
Frank Randall,
Daisy Rhodes,
Flora Cooley,
Mary Hanifan,
Rachel Fay,
Catherine Diggan,

Frank Moriarty,
Frank Mansfield,
Herbert Canterbury,
Thomas Sullivan,
Anna Kulic,
Mary Landers,
Arthur Landers,
Patrick Shea,
Lena Doherty,
Richard French,
Jasper Fairchild,
Louise Austin,
Grover Snow,
Louise Filer,
Arthur Dickinson,
Alfred Squires,
Maria Baggs,
Henry Baggs,
George Allen,
Joseph Crowley,
Alfred Dahlin,
John O'Brien,
Charles Fillmore,
Lester Worthington,
Albert Mowitt,
Carl Bridges,
Ethel Bridges,
Fred Farrel,
Francis Carew,
Florence Dodd,
Anna Coleman,
Daniel Coleman,
Marcella Smith,
Ira Damon,
Thomas LeGrande,
Philip LeGrande,
Michael Prosser,
Leon Williams,
Clyde Williams.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
HAMPSHIRE, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the third day of March next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; one School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town; vote "Yes" or "No," all on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: Three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, for the purchase of school books and other supplies, and for supervision and incidentals.

ART. 6. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to continue musical instructions in the schools and raise money for the same.

ART. 7. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to dispose of the South Center school property if they deem it best, and act thereon.

ART. 8. To raise money for repairing schoolhouses.

ART. 9. To raise money to defray town and pauper expenses.

ART. 10. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and take such action on said repairs as the town deems best, and act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will accept of one hundred dollars from the heirs of A. H. Dorman, late of Belchertown, and agree to take care of the lot where he lies buried in Mount Hope cemetery.

ART. 12. To see if the town will construct a concrete sidewalk leading from the northerly end of that which leads past the house of Henry M. Dunbar, to a point on the same or easterly side of Federal street, about 100 feet beyond the house of C. L. Warner; thence crossing the street to the westerly side thereof, and thence continuing said walk to a point near the entrance to the Federal street schoolhouse; and raise money for the same. According to the petition of F. L. Stebbins and 73 others.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to build or construct a concrete sidewalk from the end of the walk above Mrs. M. D. S. Longley's house on South Main street, on the north and east side of the street to a point in line with the east side of the house of Mr. D. P. Spencer, and raise money for the same. According to the petition of D. P. Spencer and 28 others.

ART. 14. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to procure and set in position a public watering tank at a point opposite the house owned by A. M. Baggs on the road leading from Belchertown to Ludlow, and raise money for the same. According to the petition of Geo. H. B. Greene and 10 others.

ART. 15. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for street lighting for the year ensuing. According to the petition of George F. Thomson and nine others.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of making some much needed changes in the town hall, and these changes are one new stove added, and also a water closet, and a stationary platform built in for a stage, which then will make the hall in very desirable shape and will be in good demand. According to the petition of Geo. B. Jackson and eighteen others.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize its Collector to use all the means for collecting taxes that a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 18. To see if the town will fix the amount to be paid its Collector for collecting the taxes assessed for the year 1902.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several town burial grounds.

ART. 20. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid to its Collector on certain dates, to be fixed by the town, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars, for the use of the Grand Army for Memorial Day services, and raise money for the same. According to the petition of F. G. Shaw and others.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize the Chairman of Selectmen, and Treasurer, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take in regard to use and care of the Town House.

ART. 24. To see if the town employ a person to ring the bell, and take care of the town clock for the year ensuing.

ART. 25. To see if the town will accept of the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 26. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards and act thereon.

ART. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 3 o'clock p. m., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one on the depot at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, ten days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1902.

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
E. A. RANDALL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

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Assessors' Report.

Value of assessed real estate May 1, 1902,	$735,835.00	
Value of " personal estate "	112,890.00	
		$848,725.00
RATE OF TAXATION, $16.00 PER THOUSAND.		
Tax on real estate,	$11,773.36	
Tax on personal estate,	1,806.24	
534 polls,	1,068.00	
		$14,647.60
WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS:		
To town, school and other expenses,	$12,465.00	
State tax,	480.00	
County tax,	1,651.57	
Overlayings,	47.92	
State highway tax,	3.11	
		$14,647.60
Residents assessed on property,		434
Non-residents assessed on property,		149
Persons paying poll tax only,		163
Number of Acres of land assessed,		31,887
Horses,		559
Cows,		1,602
Neat cattle other than Cows,		383
Sheep,		16
Swine,		135
Fowls,		3,085
Number of dwelling houses assessed,		500
Added assessments,		$35.20

F. B. ALDEN,
G. C. ALLEN JR.,
A. L. PRATT,
Assessors of Belchertown.

Treasurer's Report.

1902.		*Dr.*	
Feb.	15	Balance due on settlement,	$1,820.07
	27	Cash of N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	47.14
	28	N. Randall,	.50
March	3	Fred Burnett, use of Town Hall,	5.00
	4	D. F. Shumway,	62.00
	5	D. F. Shumway,	21.00
	7	D. F. Shumway,	25.00
	10	Fred Burnett, use of Town Hall,	10.00
	18	Fred Burnett, use of Town Hall,	3.50
	22	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	.33
	22	D. F. Shumway,	35.66
	29	D. F. Shumway,	47.00
	31	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	58.21
April	5	D. F. Shumway,	71.75
	12	D. F. Shumway,	59.01
	14	Amherst Bank, 3 months,	3,000.00
	26	D. F. Shumway,	48.53
	28	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	49.41
May	1	East Douglass, support of M. J. Pease,	3.00
	1	H. M. Jepson, butcher license,	1.00
	1	C. H. Snow, liquor license,	1.00
	1	Patrick J. Keyes & Co., liquor license,	1,700.00
	3	Louis W. Dillon, liquor license,	700.00
	6	D. F. Shumway,	30.00
	7	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	9	Ira Damon, butcher license,	1.00

May	10	Cash of M. A. Hubbard, for pork,	$ 40.00
	24	D. F. Shumway,	22.45
	29	D. F. Shumway,	127.60
	30	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	65.68
	31	D. F. Shumway,	27.60
June	5	Mrs. A. J. Heath, for care of Dorman and Sanborn lot in Mt. Hope cemetery,	100.00
	9	D. F. Shumway,	15.40
	11	M. S. Barton, unexpended balance of Memorial fund,	20.53
	27	D. F. Shumway,	30.00
	28	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	62.10
	30	Amherst Bank, 3 months,	2,000 00
July	14	Amherst Bank, 3 months,	3,000.00
	14	Town of Petersham,	38.76
	16	E. B. Hitchcock, for schoolhouse and lot,	205 00
	30	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	52.10
	30	Harry Dodge, for wheel,	1.00
Aug.	4	D. F. Shumway,	9.60
	8	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	21	F. E. Burnett, use of Town Hall,	1.00
	22	State Treasurer, inspector of animals,	50.81
	22	State Treasurer, education of State children,	584.50
	30	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	70.53
Sept.	1	D. F. Shumway,	56.98
	20	D. F. Shumway,	303.29
	29	D. F. Shumway,	782.32
	30	Amherst Bank, 2 months,	3,500.00
	30	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	67.65
	30	D. F. Shumway,	409.60
Oct.	4	D. F. Shumway,	473.28
	6	D. F. Shumway,	31.00
	8	J. M. Clough, license for merry-go-round,	1.00

Oct.	11	Cash of H. H. Chilson, fines in district court,	$ 5.00
	11	D. F. Shumway,	424.94
	14	Amherst Bank, 1 month,	3,000.00
	18	D. F. Shumway,	500.22
	27	Town Farm, for milk,	78.85
	27	D. F. Shumway,	500.00
	30	D. F. Shumway,	684.61
	31	N. Randall, Creamery Co.,	19.19
Nov.	1	D. F. Shumway,	1,528.44
	4	Thomas J. Sullivan, butcher license,	1.00
	5	D. F. Shumway,	1,364.95
	8	D. F. Shumway,	231.16
	10	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	14	D. F. Shumway,	519.16
	15	D. F. Shumway,	173.73
	21	D. F. Shumway,	258.15
	26	Town Farm, for milk,	64.54
	26	D. F. Shumway,	623.80
	29	D. F. Shumway,	264.38
	29	Amherst Bank, 1 month,	1,500.00
	29	D. F. Shumway,	290.05
Dec.	1	C. B. King,	5.00
	6	D. F. Shumway,	535.70
	8	Fred E. Higgins, butcher license,	1.00
	11	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	89.00
	11	" " National bank tax,	257.44
	11	" " Military aid,	20.00
	11	" " State aid,	1,374.00
	11	" " Burial indigent soldiers,	105.00
	13	D. F. Shumway,	324.39
	20	D. F. Shumway,	304.77
	27	Town Farm, for milk,	105.78
	27	D. F. Shumway,	371.00
	31	D. F. Shumway,	561.55
1903			
Jan.	2	Amherst Savings Bank, income from cemetery fund,	156.46

Jan.	3	Cash of D. F. Shumway,	$300.16
	6	J. E. Clark, fine Charles E. Wilson,	12.00
	10	D. F. Shumway,	381.46
	12	H. H. Chilson, fines in district court,	10.72
	15	County Treasurer, dog fund,	379.78
	15	Fred Burnett, rent of Town Hall,	4.00
	17	D. F. Shumway,	306.20
	24	D. F. Shumway,	138.20
	24	State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	526.34
	24	State Treasurer, burial state pauper,	15.00
	27	Town Farm, for milk,	116.34
Feb.	2	D. F. Shumway,	410.81
	5	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	6	Town of Petersham,	46.03
	6	D. F. Shumway,	108.03
	9	Town of Palmer,	76.81
	11	D. F. Shumway,	282.51
	14	G. H. B. Green, school supplies sold,	2.01
	14	D. F. Shumway,	315.40
			$39,793.95

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Feb.	27	Cash paid Dr. A. F. Warren, returning births,	$ 1.75
March	4	Dr. R. E. Dickson, returning births,	1.75
	26	J. W. Flint, services in district court,	33.67
April	1	W. E. Bridgman, insurance on Town Hall,	30.00
	3	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	38.44
	14	Discount at Amherst Bank,	30.00
May	8	State Treasurer, account liquor license,	600.25
	10	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	44.33

June	11	Cash received for care of Dorman lot, deposited in Savings Bank,	$ 100.00
	30	Cash paid Discount at Amherst Bank,	20.00
July	4	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	4.82
	14	Note at Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
	14	Discount at Amherst Bank,	30.00
	30	W. E. Bridgman, insurance on barn at Town Farm,	25.50
Aug.	21	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	5.59
Sept.	30	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	30	Discount at Amherst Bank,	29.17
Oct.	6	County Treasurer, county tax,	1,651.57
	8	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	37.03
	8	D. H. Tillson, services in district court,	8.08
	14	Note at Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
	14	Discount at Amherst Bank,	12.50
Nov.	14	Note at Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
	15	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	18.95
	29	Note at Amherst Bank,	3,500.00
	29	Discount at Amherst Bank,	6.25
Dec.	11	State Treasurer, State tax,	480.00
	11	State Treasurer, repairs of State highway,	3.11
	29	Note at Amherst Bank,	1,500.00
1903.			
Jan.	10	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	11.74
Feb.	4	Dr. D. B. Sullivan, returning births,	1.25
	4	Dr. R. E. Dickson, returning births,	1.50
	4	Dr. A. F. Warren, returning births,	1.75

Feb.	4	Cash paid Dr. G. F. Thomson, returning births,	$ 1.50
	16	635 Town Orders due Selectmen,	17,756.64
		Services as Treasurer,	100.00
		Cash on hand,	2,706.81
			$39,793.95

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Report of Selectmen.

For the year ending Feb. 14, 1902.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid A. D. Randall, repairing highways,		$ 105.46
E. S. Shumway, labor on highways,		1.00
A. D. Randall, labor on highways,		7.50
George Knight, labor on highways,		11.25
George Allen, repairs for road scraper,		18.25
D. P. Spencer, as Supt. of Streets,		3,198.61
The Selectmen have paid on highway account,		$3,342.07
Appropriation for 1902 was	$3,000.00	
Unexpended balance,	699.80	
		$3,699.80
Expended during the year,		3,342.07
Balance on hand,		$ 357.73

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS TO THE SELECTMEN.

Paid F. G. Shaw, labor on highway,	$ 76.70
H. A. Dunbar, labor on highway,	110.70
E. F. Munsell, labor on highway,	42.00
G. W. Akers, labor on highway,	180.40
D. F. Shumway, labor on highway,	115.00
H. F. Gould, labor on highway,	47.40
A. H. Squires, labor on highway,	222.35
Geo. S. Warner, labor on highway,	6.30

Paid H. Wales, labor on highway,	$ 26.25
F. M. Fuller, labor on highway,	52.15
M. A. Hubbard, labor on highway,	18.20
Martin Craw, labor on highway,	33.00
Wm. Knowlton, labor on highway,	71.85
Wm. Wilson, labor on highway,	21.30
T. Connelly, labor on highway,	.60
Myron Pratt, labor on highway,	20.70
L. Foskett, labor on highway,	13.50
Horatio Marsh, labor on highway,	1.50
Daniel Shea, labor on highway,	1.50
Fred Bond, labor on highway,	24.30
Geo. Claflin, labor on highway,	34.05
Geo. M. Fisher, labor on highway,	5.25
Colquit Ward, labor on highway,	1.50
C. G. Osgood, labor on highway,	9.00
Roy Mellen, labor on highway,	3.75
C. H. Pratt. labor on highway,	4.50
Wm. Thompson, labor on highway,	4.65
Wm. Shaw, labor on highway,	1.80
Wm. Holcomb, labor on highway,	4.20
Geo. Kenfield, labor on highway,	6.75
F. L. Stebbins, labor on highway,	6.30
Geo. Haskell, labor on highway,	2.00
Geo. Warner, labor on highway,	9.25
M. Whittemore, labor on highway,	2.65
Sylvester Smith, labor on highway,	1.50
Eli Ayott, labor on highway,	1.50
Henry Juckett, labor on highway,	11.90
Mason Sanford, labor on highway,	1.50
M. F. Austin, labor on highway,	277.53
Edwin Stone, labor on highway,	17.80
E. Schofield, labor on highway,	1.50
Emory Squires, labor on highway,	.75
Wm. Boyce, labor on highway,	12.90
David Jepson, labor on highway,	5.00
J. Austin, labor on highway,	.50
John Stadler, labor on highway,	.50

Paid Arthur Jenks, labor on highway,	$ .75
B. C. Davis, labor on highway,	1.00
E. H. Dyer, labor on highway,	1.40
A. P. Bates, labor on highway,	1.25
J. Moriarty, labor on highway,	156.55
J. Flaherty, labor on highway,	131.40
E. B. Sanford, labor on highway,	40.42
D. P. Spencer, labor on highway,	183.00
J. Hurlburt, labor on highway,	31.40
E. E. Mead, labor on highway,	4.15
H. A. Paine, labor on highway,	38.05
M. E. Cavanaugh, labor on highway,	187.15
Daniel Kennedy, labor on highway,	162.40
H. McKillop, labor on highway,	62.90
Peter Garvey, labor on highway,	5.00
Edward Fuller, labor on highway,	2.00
E. A. Randall, labor on highway,	55.95
F. E. Austin, labor on highway,	6.75
A. M. Baggs, labor on highway,	8.00
H. F. West, labor on highway,	6.35
C. L. Randall, labor on highway,	43.65
Pratt Bros., labor on highway,	106.02
E. F. Shumway, labor on highway,	112.91
T. B. Potter & Co., tile,	125.80
T. D. Potter & Co., lumber,	14.04
E. R. Peeso, lumber,	35.17
James Peeso, lumber,	16.00
D. P. Spencer, lumber,	3.06
F. L. Stebbins, lumber,	44.59
D. R. Ward, lumber,	17.57
O. B. Davis, gravel,	12.00
G. C. Allen, gravel,	.75
Frank Wilson, gravel,	1.00
Geo. Kenfield, gravel,	5.00
Henry Jepson, moving stone, Federal street,	5.00
Mason Sanford, gravel,	.50
Wm. Thompson, dirt,	1.86
A. Bridgman, spikes,	3.11

Paid Geo. E. Allen, scraper blade,		$ 8.50
J. Clough, housing scraper,		.50
E. A. Dodge, repairs on tools and scraper,		5.40
F. L. Stebbins, scraper and 6 plow points,		9.90
Freight and cartage on tile, etc.,		6.37
Miscellaneous, shovels, axle grease, etc.,		6.87
D. P. Spencer, services as Superintendent,		35.00
		$3,220.67
Received from Highway fund,	$3,198.61	
E. A. Randall,	1.00	
A. H. Bartlett, for tile,	12.24	
J. B. Gould, for tile,	2.38	
F. B. Richardson, for tile,	5.44	
Dr. King,	1.00	
Total Receipts,	$3220.67	
Total Expenditures,		$3220.67

D. P. SPENCER, *Superintendent of Streets.*

Feb. 14, 1903.

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

For the Year Ending February 14, 1903.
At Alms House.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN FARM AND PROPERTY CONNECTED WITH THE SAME.

Home farm and buildings,	$5,000.00	
Two wood lots,	500.00	
Abbey pasture, 104 acres,	500.00	
		$6,000.00
Household furniture, beds and bedding, etc.,	$425.00	
Provisions of all kinds,	150.00	
Stove wood, 32 cords,	160.00	
		$735.00
LIVE STOCK.		
1 pair of horses,	$300.00	
16 cows,	680.00	
2 heifers coming in,	60.00	
1 yearling heifer,	15.00	
1 bull,	20.00	
6 shoats,	30.00	
87 hens,	52.20	
		$1,157.20
14 tons of good hay,	$280.00	
2 tons of meadow hay,	20.00	
2 tons of rowen,	35.00	
1½ tons of corn fodder,	12.00	
200 bushels corn on the ear,	55.00	
Mixed feed and other grain,	27.30	
		$429.30

Farming tools, wagons, sleds, harness, etc.,	$500.00	
		$500.00
Ice,	$60.00	
		$60.00
Total, less the value of hearse, $350.00,		$8,881.50

We have deducted the value of the hearse and sleigh from the inventory of Almshouse property, as it is Town property, and should be so considered. This reduces the inventory $350 from what it has appeared for several years.

EXPENSES AT ALMSHOUSE.

D. L. Hazen,	Supplies at Almshouse,	$155.81
J. W. Jackson,	" " "	125.88
W. L. Sanford,	" " "	128.22
Ward J. Prior,	" " "	61.27
A. Bridgman,	" " "	121.41
F. F. Dewey,	" " "	94.92
Wm. E. Bridgman,	" " "	32.12
Paid labor in almshouse,		$ 85.04
" on town farm,		105.10
warden's salary,		241.74
41 bushels potatoes,		20.00
for beef,		27.34
George E. Sanford,	grain and feed,	47.06
E. H. Dyer,	" " "	297.16
E. F. Towne,	" " "	221.95
M. Legronde,	blacksmithing,	10.65
T. J. Mansfield,	"	5.55
Wm. F. Carter,	"	17.55
O. Girouard,	"	2.70
Joseph Walker,	"	15.03
repairs on wagons,		13.40
F. W. Fellows,	harness repairs, etc.,	17.20
D. K. Shumway,	" " "	14.70
Eugene Randall,	mowing machine,	43.00
" "	repairs for plow, etc.,	5.20

Paid A. W. Stacy, fertilizers,	$42.00	
D. P. Spencer,	16.50	
M. A. Hubbard, spring bed,	2.25	
E. F. Hall, supplies,	4.77	
A. Lamson, grass,	5.00	
F. L. Stebbins, castings,	3.11	
A. W. Stacy, stock,	2.00	
A. P. Bates, sawing lumber.	4.10	
Pratt Brothers, sawing and lumber,	10.61	
C. B. King, attendance and extra medicines,	32.75	
C. B. King, medical attendance at town farm,	30.00	
Alfred Hubbard, digging of two graves,	7.00	
B. L. Thrasher, castings for stove,	3.25	
L. A. Smith, coffin for Sarah King,	15.00	
L. A. Smith, coffin for H. Packard,	15.50	
N. Randall, Butter,	1.20	
G. D. Rhodes, cow and calf,	40.00	
A. M. Baggs, cow and balance in trade,	70.00	
H. M. Dunbar, butter,	10.38	
H. M. Dunbar, six shoats,	25.00	
Mrs. F. E. F. Warner, housework,		
L. W. Dillon, use of team,	1.00	
C. H. Snow, druggists supplies,	23.26	
Raderis Weston, cutting ice,	1.75	
George Harvey, cutting ice,	2.25	
H. A. Hopkins, almshouse supplies,	75.81	
C. B. King, extra medicines for almshouse,	8.25	
Noel J. Chemise, cutting wood,	19.60	
Total expenditures at almshouse,		$2,365.71
Cr. cash received from C. B. King,	$5.00	
for cream and milk,	940.23	
" pork,	40.00	
" driving hearse,	46.50	
increase in value of stock, hay and grain,	149.25	
		$1,180.98
Actual expense of paupers at almshouse,		$1,184.73

Number of inmates at almshouse during the year,	11
Number of tramps given lodging,	87

WARDEN'S REPORT TO OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

From Feb. 15, 1902 to Feb. 15, 1903.

			Dr.	*Cr.*
Feb.	15	To March 1, received,	$12.41	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		$ 6.40
March	1	To April 1, received,	12.16	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		12.22
April	1	To May 1, received,	28.70	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		28.01
May	1	To June 1, received,	23.06	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		20.05
June	1	To July 1, received,	11.58	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		9.30
July	1	To August 1, received,	10.46	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		12.34
August	1	To Sept. 1, received,	22.87	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		19.40
Sept.	1	To Oct. 1, received,	12.07	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		13.46
Oct.	1	To Nov. 1, received,	27.20	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		25.70
Nov.	1	To Dec. 1, received,	20.60	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		20.29
Dec.	1	To Jan. 1, received,	11.50	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		20.97
Jan.	1	To Feb. 1, received,	8.00	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		9.37
Feb.	1	To Feb. 14, received,	4.72	
		Paid for supplies same dates,		3.82
Feb.	14	Cr. for milk and seed stock,	4.50	
		Total receipts,	$201.83	
		Total amount paid out,		$201.33
		Balance in hands of Warden,	$ .50	

M. A. HUBBARD, *Warden.*

EXPENSES OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Nellie Stone, care of Sally Pratt,	$78.15
Paid Wm. Kennedy, support of R. C. Haynes,	12.00
A. F. Warren, medical attendance E. Carroll,	4.00
C. B. King, medical attendance Carroll J. Pease	7.50
Thomas O'Brien, partial support,	18.75
Halloran Bros., clothes for O'Brien,	22.00
M. S. Barton, expense in returning Joanna Shea to hospital,	3.62
A. H. Hubbard, digging grave for Frank Stoughton,	3.50
L. A. Smith, coffin for Frank Stoughton,	13.50
D. B. Sullivan, medical attendance, Frank Stoughton,	10.00
Stephen Sullivan, care J.C. Frank Stoughton,	12.00
M. D. Shea, services in " " case,	5.00
Wm. B. Segur, medical attendance Monroe Mellen,	59.35
C. B. King, medical attendance Antoine Austin,	74.25
A. F. Warren, medical attendance Ben. Billings,	5.00
C. B. King, medical attendance two tramps,	4.50
A. Hubbard, digging one grave,	3.50
F. G. Shaw, hauling wood for Mrs. Cooley,	1.25
F. S. Wilson, wood for Mrs. Cooley,	7.80
M. S. Barton, R. R. fare and expense in care of Mrs. Hyde,	13.88
Peter Hanafin, house rent and fuel, Mrs Cooley,	57.50
G. M. Fisher, moving goods of Mrs. Cooley,	3.00
care of insane at hospital,	667.17
L. A. Smith, coffin for Cooley child,	5.00
A. H. Hubbard, grave for " "	1.50
Expense in case of Joseph Droulette	39.00

Paid Town of Templeton, care of Stephen White and wife,	$ 84.49	
C. B. King, medical attendance almshouse	7.50	
D. L. Hazan, supplies Austin family,	4.06	
Total paid for paupers outside of almshouse		$1,228.77
Received for support of Nellie Russell,	$169.00	
" " " M. J. Pease,	3.00	
from town of Petersham, care Sally Pratt,	84.79	
" " " Palmer, support of Antoine Austin,	76.81	
state for burial of pauper,	15.00	
		$348.60
Net cost of support outside of almshouse,		$880.17

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
M. S. BARTON,
Overseers of Poor.

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Paid M. S. Barton, grading sidewalks,	$70.92	
Nelson Randall, grading sidewalk,	38.35	
James Peeso, grading sidewalk,	6.30	
George S. Warner, grading sidewalk,	7.00	
Total expenditures for sidewalks,		$122.57

STATE AID.

Paid for state aid during the year, $1,496.00

This aid is reimbursed by the state to the town, in December of each year.

Paid for military aid we have paid, $72.00

One half of this amount is also paid by the state in December.

Town Account.

Paid Wm. E. Bridgman, services as Justice of the Peace,	$ 5.00
F. L. Stebbins, services as register,	11.00
D. F. Shumway, part payment as collector,	50.00
F. F. Dewey, services as election officer,	1.50
D. L. Hazen, supplies for fire department,	2.80
A. E. Peeso, services as election officer,	1.50
Frank Austin, services as election officer,	3.00
Dr. C. B. King, services as auditor,	3.00
Ward J. Prior, oil for town hall,	1.50
Samuel Allen, surveying in Carroll case,	3.00
A. Hubbard, clearing sidewalk, Mr. Donald place,	.60
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., pauper register,	9.50
E. A. Randall, services as selectman,	8.00
M. E. King, rent of piano,	2.00
Palmer Journal Co., printing town reports and ballots,	49.70
Gray C. Allen, 1¼ cords of wood for town hall,	6.50
D. K. Shumway, services as election officer,	3.00
M. L. Sanford, services as election officer,	3.00
A. C. Smith, services as selectman and overseerer of the poor,	12.00
Nelson Randall, services as selectman and overseer of the poor,	13.22
C. H. Ross, sawing wood for town hall,	.75
M. S. Barton, cash for recording deed,	.65
G. H. B. Greene, services as moderator,	5.00
Wakefield Daily Item, printing blanks,	2.25
Rockwell & Churchill, license blanks,	1.25
E. C. Witt, services as election officer,	1.50
H. F. Shaw, services as election officer,	3.00

Paid Cyril Cortlandt, lighting street lamps,	$ 20.00
M. S. Barton, Memorial day appropriation,	50.00
Wm. B. Shaw, repairs on town pump,	3.50
A. E. Addis, legal services,	3.00
D. D. Hazen, oil for street lamps,	24.86
H. D. Hoag, sheathing engine house,	45.06
D. L. Hazen, nails for engine house,	4.00
T. D. Potter & Co., lumber,	103.59
Lillian Miller, damage caused by washing land,	25.00
Hammond & Field, legal services,	16.00
E. C. Howard, printing letter heads,	1.85
Town Treasurer, abatement on taxes,	55.39
Calvin Coolidge, legal services on grade crossing case,	227.92
N. Randall, Old Home Week appropriation,	100.00
D. F. Shumway, services as collector, 1901 balance,	50.00
Calvin Coolidge, expences in grade crossing case,	17.10
J. T. Keating, council fees in Landers case,	10.00
Sanford & Stebbins, lumber for engine house,	1.71
C. E. & E. E. Davis, services as engineers in grade crossing case,	11.00
S. F. Williams, services as election officer,	1.50
A. E. Dodge, work on water tank,	2.45
D. L. Hazen, paint and lead for liberty pole,	5.57
R. F. Shumway, services as register,	11.00
A. H. Hubbard, services as election officer,	3.00
A. C. Smith, services as election officer,	1.50
D. K. Shumway, services as election officer,	3.00
Henry Davis, painting liberty pole,	14.89
T. D. Potter & Co. windows for tramp room,	3.85
J. R. Gould, inspection of cattle,	89.67
Stanley Bridgman, lighting of street lamps,	35.00
George B. Jackson, ringing of bell and care of clock,	48.00
Guy C. Allen Jr. services as assessor, books &c.,	84.00
F. B. Alden, " " " " "	75.00
A. L. Pratt, " " " " "	75.00
J. R. Gould, water tank,	2.00
Carter Ink Co., ink,	2.55
Nelson Randall, R. R. fare, express and postage,	16.46

Paid Guy C. Allen, wagon pole for hearse,		$ 2.50
A. W. Stacy, ½ cord of wood,		2.00
Guy C. Allen, services as constable,		2.50
Nelson Randall, services as selectman, overseer of poor, &c.		104.50
Asa C. Smith, services as selectman, overseer of poor, &c.		59.60
M. S. Barton, services as selectman, overseer of poor &c.		97.20
Abatement of several taxes, 1902,		75.60
A. C. Smith, R. R. fare to Greenfield in grade crossing case,		2.10
Trustees Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,		379.78
M. S Barton, services as constable,		11.85
M. G. Ward, services as election officer,		3.00
A. B. Shaw, " " registrar,		11.00
T. W. Walker, one pane of glass,		1.53
J. R. Gould, inspector of meat,		106.25
D. P. Spencer, labor and cement on water tank,		9.00
A. Bridgman, R. R. fare, postage and express,		18.78
" services as town clerk &c.		93.94
" supplies to town hall,		3.62
A. B. Howard, cash paid for trimming trees,		9.00
D. F. Shumway, part payment as collector,		50.00
F. A. Burnett, services as janitor town hall,		15.00
C. S. Knight, ½ cord of wood,		3.00
H. A. Smith, returning births,		1.00
F. L. Stebbins, services as registrar,		11.00
Total town expenditures,		$2,522.39
Less abatement on taxes,	$130.99	
Less dog fund for library,	379.78	510.77
Net town expenses,		$2,011.62

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State, care of Joseph Droulette,	$ 39.00	
from State, care of two tramps,	4.50	
from State, for cattle inspection,	48.83	
from State, for State aid,	1,738.00	
from State, for military aid,	36.00	
Ballance in hands of treasurer,	2,706.81	
Ballance due from collector,	979.72	
Due from State, for support of Stephen White,	15.72	
Total,		$5,564.40
Paid on bills of School Committee,	$ 111.57	
on school account,	6,352.83	
We have issued during the year 635 town orders amounting to		$17,756.64

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
M. S. BARTON,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 17th, 1903.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Belchertown and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the hands of the Treasurer and on deposit in the First National Bank of Amherst, Mass., the sum of $2,706.81.

WM. E. BRIDGMAN, *Auditor.*

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Report of the Burial Ground Commissioners for the Year.

Balance left from last year's appropriation,	$ 4.21	
Appropriation at the annual meeting,	100.00	
" " at a special "	100.00	
		$204.21

EXPENDITURES HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS:

June 1	Paid D. L. Hazen for wire and staples to fence cemeteries, Lakevalle and Tylerville,	$4.32	
Aug 1	D. P. Spencer for moving South Center cemetery,	8.00	
Sept. 1	F. D. Fuller, for moving Lakevalle cemetery,	5.00	
Dec. 1	E. S. Lane, for moving Holyoke, Liberty and Tylerville cemeteries,	7.00	
	For digging up hedge and grading, getting it ready for fencing,	42.35	
	Sanford & Stebbins for 7 posts,	.56	
Jan. 1	D. R. Ward, for moving Union, West Hill & Bluemedow cemeteries,	5.50	
	And for posts to fence Tylerville cemetery,	12.75	
Feb. 14	N. Randall for building fence and time in connection with other work,	3.50	
	D. L. Hazen for 300 lbs. band wire,	15.00	
	D. L. Hazen for 4 gates and hangings,	13.00	
			$116.98
			$87.23

This year, for the first time, the Burial Ground Commissioners have the care of Mount Hope Cemetery. Your Commissioners find that there have been certain bequests and legecies given to the town on condition that the town take care of certain lots named and parts of said cemetery. We find that these funds were a part of them deposited by vote of the town in Amherst Savings Bank in the year 1899, and from time to time since that date, that the income has amounted to $156.46

There has been paid from the town treasury for the care of these lots, and this year for mowing the walks, as provided, 92.21

Leaving a balance in the treasury of $64.25

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. S. LANE,
D. R. WARD,
NELSON RANDALL,
Burial Ground Commissioners.

Collector's Report.

Ballance in Collector's hands, Feb. 15, 1902, for tax 1901,	$689.58
Amount collected and paid Treasurer,	689.58
The amount committed to your collector as per Assessors Warrant, dated Sept. 1, 1902, was,	14,647.60
Amount of added assessment,	35.20
Total,	$14,682.80
He has collected and paid to the treasurer,	13,703.26
Ballance in Collector's hands,	$979.54

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Collector.*

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1902.

STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January,	3	April,	4	July,	4	October,	6
February,	5	May,	3	August,	1	November,	1
March,	1	June,	2	September,	1	December,	3

Males, 21; Females, 13; Total, 34.

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions, recorded,	19
Number of marriages recorded,	21
First marriage, Males, 19; Females,	18
Second marriage, Males, 1; Females,	3
Third marriage, Males, 1; Females,	0
Youngest male married,	20
Youngest female married,	16
Oldest male married,	75
Oldest female married,	75

DEATHS.

January,	5	April,	2	July,	1	October,	1
February,	2	May,	3	August,	2	November,	0
March,	3	June,	3	September,	2	December,	4

Males, 14; Females, 14; Total, 28.

Native born, 24; Foreign born, 3; Unknown, 1.

Number of town meetings,	4
Mortgages recorded during the year,	7
Attachments,	2

DOG LICENSE.

Males, 195, at $2.00,	$390.00	
Females, 14, at 5.00,	70.00	
1 kennel license,	50.00	
		$510.00

Paid the above amount (less fees) to county treasurer.

RETURN OF BIRTHS.

G. F. Thomson, M. D.,	10
R. E. Dickson, M. D.,	6
A. F. Warren, M. D.,	7
C. B. King, M. D.,	1
C. F. Branch, M. D.,	1
H. A. Smith, M. D.,	4
D. B. Sullivan, M. D.,	4
W. B. Segar, M. D.,	1

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

List of Jurors.

Martin W. Bardwell,
A. H. Hubbard,
Henry R. Gould,
Charles L. Jenks,
John J. Austin,
E. A. Randall,
Harry H. Ward,
Irving L. Mills,
A. B. Howard,
Arthur Bridgman,
F. G. Shaw,
C. D. Ward,
Thomas Cody,
George M. Fisher,
Dwight F. Shumway,
Eugene Randall,
D. P. Spencer.
George Akers,
Guy C. Allen,
Edgar E. Sargent,
Myron A. Shaw,
Homer S. Pratt,
John J. Hayes,
Patrick H. Garvey,
F. L. Stebbins,
A. C. Smith,
Pearl C. Knights,
Lewis R. Fisher,
Perry S. Walker,
William H. Caper,
Herman F. Lane.

Tree Warden's Report.

Agreeable to our duty as tree warden, I herewith submit my report: By vote of the Park Association, your tree warden was instructed to take charge of the trees in the park. The work of trimming the trees was performed at an expense to the town of $9, paying $7.30 for six day's labor and $1.70 for team to remove cut branches. Your warden made no charge for his services, desiring to donate the same as an expression of his interest in the better care of the trees in the park and on our highways.

A PLEA FOR THE SHADE TREES OF THE TOWN.

There are few things better calculated to attach us to our homes and this as a desirable residential town, than the many beautiful trees that embellish our village and town. Many of these trees are associated with the names of early settlers and history of the place. In specifying a few, I desire to mention the grove of maples at Dwight Station, 'neath the shade of which once stood the school house where Henry Ward Beecher preached his first sermon, the long rows of maples near by planted by Justus Dwight, one of the early settlers, in Lakevale district the maples by the farm formerly owned by the Gilberts, the ancestral home of the mother of Dr. Josiah Gilbert Holland, the grand old trees that surround and include the lovely glen, belonging to a non-resident, W. W. Scarborough, and the "Brown" maples on the road beyond. In Blue Meadow district the long rows of maples bordering the Randall farms and the Randolph place, also the long row of maples bordering the farm formerly owned and known as the Bridgman farm. Near the Cold Spring district stands the grand "Dr. Howe Elm." In front of the homestead of M. A. Morse stands a fine elm which is of special interest from the fact that Gen. Lafayette rested beneath its shade on his

journey through the town. The town owes much to the efforts of the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Wolcut in securing the planting of the many beautiful elms and maples in the park. There are many other beautiful shade trees deserving of mention, but lack of space forbids. Within the past several years many an oak that has stood for a century like a sentinel on duty, defying the lightning and the storm, has been sacrificed for the few feet of lumber it contained or cords of wood they may afford.

"The man with the ax" should stop and consider that the destruction of such trees involves a loss in the beauty and worth of his farm, that time and money in his day and generation cannot restore.

A. B. HOWARD, *Tree Warden.*

Report of School Committee.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1902,	$2,198.76	
Appropriation March 3, 1902,	5,500.00	
Received from State School Fund,	526.34	
Received for tuition of State wards,	584.50	
Received from Bridgman Fund,	242.40	
Received for books and supplies sold,	2.01	
		$9,054.01

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages from Town Treasury,	$5,126.00	
Teachers' wages from Bridgman Fund,	242.40	
Paid for books and supplies,	500.39	
Paid for fuel,	285.45	
Paid salaries of Committee,	260.00	
Paid salaries of Truant officers,	25.00	
Paid janitors,	82.55	
Paid Miscellaneous expenses,	73.44	
	$6,595.23	
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1903,	2,458.78	
		$9,054.01

REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

(Chargeable to Town Account.)

Appropriation March 3, 1902,	$200.00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for general repairs,	$ 96.57	
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1903,	103.43	
		$200.00

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1902,	$100.00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for transporting pupils to Ludlow,	$15.00	
Unexpended balance February 15, 1903,	85.00	
		$100.00

DETAILED STATEMENT.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	W'KS.	PER WEEK.	TOTAL.
High School,	C. A. Guild,	12	$25.00	$300.00
" "	John Sanborn,	24	22.50	540.00
" "	Ida St. George,	12	12.50	150.00
" "	" "	24	15.00	360.00
Center Grammar,	Ida L. Shaw,	32	10.00	320.00
" Intermediate,	Helen R. Jamieson,	32	10.00	320.00
" Primary,	Marion L. Whitelaw,	32	10.00	320.00
Mill Valley,	Nellie Shea,	11	5.00	55.00
Cold Spring,	Marion L. Bartlett,	11	7.00	77.00
"	Agnes Cumming,	21	6.00	126.00
Franklin Grammar,	Lulu Austin,	22	6.00	132.00
" "	" "	10	7.00	70.00
" Primary,	Mary Armstrong,	11	8.00	88.00
" "	Amy L. Randall,	11	6.00	66.00
" "	" "	7 1-5	7.00	50.40
Liberty,	Nellie L. Sullivan,	11	7.00	77.00
"	" "	21	7.50	157.50

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	W'KS.	PER WEEK.	TOTAL.
Washington,	Nellie Shea,	12	$5.00	$ 60.00
"	" "	9	5.50	49.50
Rock Rimmon,	Leona Williams,	11	5.00	55.00
" "	" "	21	5.50	115.50
Chestnut Hill,	Arthur E. Pease,	11	7.50	82.50
" "	Marion L. Bartlett,	22	8.00	176.00
Holyoke,	Rose M. Olds,	32	7.00	224.00
Federal,	Libbie C. Gutberlett,	32	6.50	208.00
Lake Vale,	S. Belle Snow,	32	6.00	192.00
Union,	Amy L. Randall,	11	6.00	66.00
"	Bessie A. Kennedy,	21	6.00	126.00
West Hill,	Bessie J. Berry,	32	6.00	192.00
East Hill,	Agnes Cumming,	11	6.00	66.00
"	Carrie R. Nourse,	11	6.00	66.00
"	Jennie M. Horr,	10	6.50	65.00
Laurel,	Edith Towne,	32	6.50	208.00
Blue Meadow,	Julia B. Smith,	32	6.50	208.00
				$5,368.40
Less Bridgman High School Fund,				242.40
Cost from town treasury,				$5,126.00

COST OF FUEL.

Mr. Ayott.	wood	Lake Vale,	$12.50
M. W. Bardwell,	"	Washington,	5.00
A. H. Bartlett,	"		5.50
Geo. H. B. Green,	"	Chestnut Hill,	10.00
Geo. H. B. Green,	"	Rock Rimmon	10.00
Peter Hanifin,	"		20.00
E. E. Meade,	"	West Hill,	4.00
F. J. Morse,	"	Center,	22.00
Henry McKillop,	"	Holyoke,	12.00
Thomas O'Connor,	"	Franklin,	35.75
A. E. Pease	"	Center,	5.00
J. A. Peeso,	"	"	70.00

F. A. Randolph,	wood,	Blue Meadow,	$12.50	
David R. Ward,	"	East Hill,	12.50	
David R. Ward,	"	West Hill,	12.50	
Frank Wilson,	"	Laurel,	16.50	
Thomas Sullivan,	"		19.00	
Kindlings,			.70	
				$285.45

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

D. Appleton & Co.,	.92	
American Book Co.,	43.04	
A. H. Bartlett,	95.52	
Mrs. A. L. Blackmer,	4.80	
Boston School Supply Co.,	43.04	
Butler, Sheldon & Co.,	3.13	
Arthur Bridgman,	3.10	
Ginn & Co.,	51.06	
D. L. Hazen,	4.73	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	49.66	
H. A. Hopkins,	.81	
J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	5.30	
Mrs. Maria S. Longley,	3.00	
Rand, McNalley & Co.,	85.43	
B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	90.47	
Scott, Foresman & Co.,	4.62	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	7.50	
George H. B. Green,	4.26	
		$500.39

COST OF JANITORS.

Cyril Courtlandt, High and Center,	$35.00	
Edward Bartlett, " "	10.00	
Paid in other schools,	37.55	
		$82.55

Due Bartlett & Fairchild, $30.00.

COST OF SUPERVISION.

Geo. H. B. Green, salary,	$100.00	
Mrs. Maria S. Longley, salary,	85.00	
M. A. Morse, salary,	75.00	
	$260.00	
D. F. Shumway, truant officer,	20.00	
Thomas Landers, " " 1901,	5.00	
		$285.00

Due from Ludlow, truant officer, services, $1.50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Prize speaking—music,	$5.00		
Setting up stage,	2.00		
Traveling expenses of judges,	4.00		
Hotel bill of judges,	1.50		
		$12.50	
Graduating expenses—use of church,	2.00		
Gen. Guild's R. R. fare,	4.00		
" " hotel bill,	1.50		
Oval & Coster, diplomas,	9.13		
Ribbon for diplomas,	2.10		
		$ 18.73	
Expense of teachers' reception,		6.20	
Express, cartage and postage,		22.61	
C. Courtlandt, cleaning Center school rooms,		7.00	
Geo. F. Lincoln, repairing H. S. clock,		.90	
Sanitary work,		5.50	
			$73.44
Total charged to school account			$6,352.83

REPAIRS IN DETAIL.

Geo. Kelley, paint and painting, High and Center,	$50.00
Edward Bartlett, repairs, " "	3.76
Geo. H. B. Green, paint for bookcase, etc., High and Center,	7.80

Geo. R. Dickinson and others, Lake Vale,	$5.28	
E. E. Meade " West Hill,	5.19	
Wm. Bell " Rock Rimmon,	2.25	
F. A. Randolph, Blue Meadow,	1.77	
Geo. W. Coleman, Holyoke,	1.00	
Herbert Ober, Union,	.50	
Geo. H. B. Green, paid for repairs, Chestnut Hill,	8.75	
Mrs. Maria S. Longley, paid for sundry repairs,	4.05	
M. A. Morse, " " "	1.00	
D. L. Hazen, furnishings,	4.60	
Arthur Bridgman, "	.62	
		$96.57

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Merrick Allen,	$ 5.00	
Fred Doubrana,	10.00	
		$15.00
Total charged to Town Account,		$111.57

SUMMARY.

Bills approved by School Committee.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Salary of teachers,	$5,126.00	
Books and supplies,	500.39	
Fuel,	285.45	
Supervision,	285.00	
Janitors,	82.55	
Miscellaneous,	73.44	
		$6,352.83

TOWN ACCOUNT.

Repairs of school houses,	$ 96.57	
Transportation of pupils,	15.00	
		$111.57
Total,		$6,464.40

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled,	512
" " between 5 and 15,	443
" " " 7 and 14,	332
" " under 5,	15
" " over 15,	61
Perfect in attendance one year,	9
" " two terms,	33
" " one term,	101
Average wages of high school teachers per month,	$93.33
" " assistant high school teachers per month,	56.66
" " male teachers in common schools,	30.00
" " female " " "	27.90

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools in 1903.

To include teacher's wages, cost of fuel, books and supplies, salary of school committee, truant officers and janitors and miscellaneous expenses,	$5,100.00	
For general repairs,	150.00	
		$5,250.00

GEO. H. B. GREEN,
MARIA D. S. LONGLEY,
M. A. MORSE,
} *School Committee of Belchertown.*

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 15, 1903.

To the School Committee:

I have received during the year from the School Committee and from teachers 20 summons to attend to absentees from school. To all of these I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number.	No. enrolled.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 7 and 14.	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.
High	71	55	0	53	2	7	55	49	57	51	55	50
Center Grammar	65	35	0	6	29	23	34	31	44	41	39	35
Center Intermediate	37	23	0	0	23	24	25	24	20	18	21	19
Center Primary	49	48	1	0	48	23	38	34	34	32	34	26
Mill Valley	10	10	2	0	8	6	8	7				
Cold Spring	24	18	0	0	18	24	19	16	22	19	16	13
Franklin Grammar	30	22	0	0	22	21	21	13	22	15	23	18
Franklin Primary	44	37	6	0	31	10	29	26	29	21	20	10
Liberty	38	36	1	0	35	26	27	26	30	29	22	19
Washington	16	13	0	0	13	7			13	10	12	10
Rock Rimmon	21	16	0	0	16	9	16	12	16	13	16	12
Chestnut Hill	31	29	1	1	29	23	23	24	24	21	25	20
Holyoke	28	27	0	0	27	21	21	20	23	20	23	18
Federal	34	32	2	0	32	22	22	27	29	24	28	23
Lake Vale	25	23	0	1	22	16	27	16	18	13	16	11
Union	36	34	1	0	34	29	28	21	29	25	22	17
West Hill	11	11	0	0	11	8	11	10	11	8	11	9
East Hill	11	10	0	0	11	8	10	9	8	7	9	8
Laurel	17	17	0	0	17	14	15	13	10	9	12	9
Blue Meadow	16	16	1	0	15	11	13	12	15	13	12	10
	614	512	15	61	443	332	444	390	454	389	416	337

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOUR YEARS.

Maude Austin.
George Morency.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS.

Everett Geer.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Carlton Eugene White,
Florence Baggs.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

May Carmody,
Maria Baggs,
Daniel Coleman,
Doris Spellman,
Ruth Jackson,
Laura Chamberlin,
Esther Jackson,
Helen Adkins,
George Morency.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Katherine Moriarty,
John Sullivan,
Oliver Austin,
May Bardwell,
Roy Bardwell,
Frances Gould,
Beatrice Squires,
Irene Jackson,
Leon Aldrich,
Nellie O'Connor,

Anna Coleman,
Joseph Driscoll,
Willie McElheney,
Gordon Ruiter,
Ulmont Ruiter,
Rolanca Gage,
Chester Tupper,
Merton Marshall,
George LeGrande,
Thomas LeGrand,
Chauncey Walker,
Florence Dodd,
Marcella Carmody,
Ira Damon,
Florence Gould,
Wendell Bemis,
Roscoe Nantz,
Arthur Sheldon,
John Austin,
Frank Moriarty,
Philip Sanford,
John Sullivan,
Carl White.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Clifford Sheldon,
Dwight Sheldon,
Harry Sheldon,
Edna Doolittle,
Ella Moriarty,
Ellen Garvey,
Fanny Thayer,
Agnes Thayer,
Edith Thayer,
Amy Pratt,
Irvin Pratt,
Marion Sturtevant,
Vernon Sturtevant,
Rose Austin,
Valentine Roberts,
Mary Auxumer,
Wilbur Rogers,
Eddie Rogers,
Walter Campbell,
Joseph Lyons,
John Lyons,
Henry Martin,
Bessie Randolph,
Helen Guild,
William Ruiter,
William Ginty,
George Mayo,
Fred Farrell,
Leon Williams,
Robert Baggs,
Ethel Hurlburt,
Blanche Hurlburt,
Henry Baggs,
Alfred Squires,
Lucy Randolph,
Alice Guild,
Ruth Hopkins,
Daisy Rhodes,
Edward Bartlett,
Robert Bridgman,
Maude Dorman,
Minnie Moriarty,
Pearl Orlando,
Grace Thayer,
Emma Clifford,
Mary Hanifin,
Eleanor Powers.
Josie Austin,

Louis Guild,	Jessie Alexander,
William Bardwell,	Beatrice Boltor,
Grover Snow,	Harry Clark,
Horace Adkins,	Lucy Geer,
Beatrice Barrett,	Ellen Kennedy,
Frank Williams,	John Austin,
Kitchell Adkins,	Francis Austin,
Harry Aldrich,	Mary Austin,
Richard Michel,	Alice Geer,
Bertha Lovett,	Mabel Geer,
Charles Austin,	Clifford Geer,
Raymond Austin,	Thomas Brown,
Florence Wood,	Michael Clayton,
Chester Canterbury,	Wilfred Maynard,
Daniel O'Connor,	Patrick Shea,
Lizzie A. Shea,	Willie Keys,
Willie Shea,	Christie McGee,
Theresa Moriarty,	Reinhold Swanson,
Richard Michel,	Harry Aldrich,
Michael Prossen,	Edna Damon,
Charles Sanford,	Lawrence Hayden,
Della Dodge,	John Riley,
Rena Risley,	Lizzie Roach,
Edna Boyce,	Olive Demorest,
Lewis Dodge,	Henry Cooley,
Clark Spellman,	Thomas O'Connor,

Mary Antanavitch.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
HAMPSHIRE, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the second day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; one School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town; vote "Yes" or "No," all on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: Three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will instruct their School Committee

to unite with some other town or towns, to form a union and employ a Superintendent of Schools, as required by act of the Legislature and approved April 18, 1900.

ART. 6. To hear the report of any committees, and to take action thereon.

ART. 7. To raise money for the support of schools, for the purchase of school books and other supplies, and for supervision and incidentals.

ART. 8. To raise money for the repairs of schoolhouses.

ART. 9. To raise money to defray town and pauper expenses.

ART. 10. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to take such action on said repairs as the town deems best, and act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will fix the amount to be paid its collector for collecting the taxes to be assessed for the year 1903.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to place in suitable positions street lamps along the sidewalks on North Main street, on Main street, on South Main street, on the street leading to the depot, not to exceed ten in number, and to maintain the same, and also to maintain those other lamps erected by private parties on these lines, and to raise money for the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will construct a concrete sidewalk, beginning at the northerly end of the present walk on the east side of South Main street, thence continuing said walk to the south side of the highway leading from Belchertown to Enfield, thence on the southerly and easterly side of said highway to a point opposite the house of A. B. Davis, and raise money for the same. On petition of H. R. Gould and twelve others.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to construct a concrete sidewalk from the present termination of the sidewalk on New street to the southwest corner of L. A. Smith's lot on Main street, said walk to be three feet in width, and raise money for the same. Agreeably to the petition of Nathaniel Dwight and eleven others.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the purchase of a suitable wagon in which to carry their hose and supplies for the fire department. Agreeably to the petition of L. W. Dillon and twelve others.

ART. 16. To see if the town will reimburse in part Henry Carroll for the expense he has incurred in caring for his wife, who

is a cripple for life through a defection in the highway, as he claims. Agreeably to a petition of Guy C. Allen and six others.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to construct a highway beginning at a point near the residence of J. M. Olds on the road leading from Belchertown and Ludlow, said road to extend in a northerly direction to the road leading from Belchertown to Granby, and to intersect that road at a point near the house of the late Michael McKillop. According to courses and distances as laid by the Selectmen. Agreeably to the petition of M. A. Morse and eight others.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept section 336, chapter 11, of the Revised Laws of Mass., relating to the election of a Highway Surveyor, which if accepted shall take effect sixty days from its acceptance. Said officers to be elected by ballot on regular town election next succeeding. Agreeably to the petition of Arthur F. Warren and twelve others.

ART. 19. To see if the town will accept and care for the cemetery known as the Morse Cemetery, near Tylerville. On petition of F. R. Wright and fifteen others.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to construct a highway beginning at a point on Walnut street nearly opposite the house of John W. Jackson, and running thence southerly to a point on Maple street near the house of Nelson Randall, and to raise money for the same. According to courses and distances as laid out by the Selectmen. Agreeably to the petition of L. W. Dillon and fifteen others.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to construct a highway beginning at an ash tree, marked, on the south side of the present highway leading past the house of A. B. Howard to Belchertown, said tree being about nine rods southeasterly of said Howard's house. From the said tree the proposed road is to run in a southeasterly course across the lands of D. P. Clapp to a point on the road leading by the R. R. Depot from Belchertown to Granby. According to courses and directions as laid out by the Selectmen. Agreeably to the petition of E. C. Witt and one hundred and ten others.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to build a schoolhouse in the Union school district, and raise money for the same; also to appoint any committee necessary to carry out the action taken.

ART. 23. To see if the town will determine the location of the

schoolhouse referred to in the above article, and adopt necessary measures to purchase or procure land for the accommodation thereof. Agreeably to the petition of W. M. Goodell and nine others.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to allow the free use of the hearse and town team at the burial of persons dying in Belchertown, even though they be buried in an adjoining town. Agreeably to the petition of M. F. Austin and thirteen others.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of fifty dollars for the use of Post 97 of the Grand Army for Memorial Day exercises. Agreeably to the petition of A. F. Warner and sixteen others.

ART. 26. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several town burial grounds.

ART. 27. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid to its collector on certain dates, to be fixed by the town, and act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the Chairman of Selectmen, and Treasurer, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 29 To see what action the town will take in regard to use and care of the Town House.

ART. 30. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock for the year ensuing.

ART. 31. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 32. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards, and act thereon.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to buy a stone crushing plant and to act thereon.

ART. 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock a. m., and will be closed at 3 o'clock p. m., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at the depot at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your

doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1903.

NELSON RANDALL,
A. C. SMITH,
M. S. BARTON,
} *Selectmen of Belchertown.*

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Assessors' Report.

Value of assessed real estate, May 1st, 1903,	$738,335.00	
Value of assessed personal estate,	114,650.00	
		$852,985.00

RATE OF TAXATION, $17.30 PER THOUSAND.

Tax on real estate,	$12,773.19½	
Tax on personal estate,	1,983.44½	
533 polls,	1,066.00	
		$15,822.64

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS:

To town, school and other expenses,	$13,125.00	
State tax,	800.00	
County tax,	1,764.20	
State highway tax,	68.50	
Overlayings,	64.94	
		$15,822.64

Residents assessed on property,	433
Non-residents assessed on property,	153
Persons paying poll tax only,	160
Number of acres of land assessed,	31,945
Horses,	530
Cows,	1432
Neat cattle, other than cows,	360
Sheep,	22
Swine,	122
Fowls,	2,765
Number of dwelling houses assessed,	501

F. B. ALDEN, } *Assessors of*
A. L. PRATT, } *Belchertown.*

Collector's Report.

Balance in Collector's hands, Feb. 15, 1903, for tax 1902,	$979.54
Amount collected and paid Treasurer,	979.54
Amount committed to your Collector as per Assessors' Warrant, dated July 11, 1903, was	15,941.63
Amount of added assessment,	4.16
Total,	$15,945.79
He has collected and paid to the Treasurer,	14,278.30
Balance in Collector's hands,	$ 1,667.49
A sidewalk tax was assessed amounting to,	118.99
Amount collected and paid to Treasurer,	118.99

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Collector.*

Treasurer's Report.

1903.		*Dr.*	
Feb.	16	Balance due on settlement,	$2,706.81
	23	Cash of D. F. Shumway,	66.40
	26	Town Farm, for milk,	114.82
	28	D. F. Shumway,	30.00
March	2	D. F. Shumway,	60.00
	7	D. F. Shumway,	41.70
	11	Calvin Lowell, board at almshouse,	6.00
	14	Town of Ludlow, account of schools,	9.50
	14	D. F. Shumway,	75.05
	21	D. F. Shumway,	31.14
	27	State Treasurer, support of state paupers,	11.72
	27	Town Farm, for milk,	84.46
	28	D. F. Shumway,	37.88
April	4	Mrs. F. S. Cooley, reimbursement,	138.25
	4	D. F. Shumway,	42.60
	10	H. H. Chilson, fines in district court,	18.00
	11	D. F. Shumway,	24.19
	13	Fred Burnett, rent of Town Hall,	5.00
	18	D. F. Shumway,	14.26
	25	D. F. Shumway,	25.40
	27	Town Farm, for milk,	79.20
	27	D. F. Shumway,	20.60
May	1	P. J. Keyes & Co, liquor license,	1,500.00
	1	C. H. Snow, liquor license,	1.00
	1	L. W. Dillon, liquor license,	700.00
	2	D. F. Shumway,	154.86
	6	Henry Jepson, butcher's license,	1.00

May	7	Cash of Nelson Randall, support of Nellie Russell,	$ 42.25
	9	D. F. Shummay,	20.41
	14	Ira Damon, butcher's license,	1.00
	16	D. F. Shumway,	19.50
	23	D. F. Shumway,	20.40
	30	D. F. Shumway,	12.20
June	1	Town Farm,	16.74
	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	21.34
	2	Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	4	State Treasurer, support of state paupers,	5.79
	4	State Treasurer, education of state children,	610.00
	5	Town Farm, for milk,	31.72
	6	D. F. Shumway,	25.50
	18	H. H. Chilson, Fines from Dist. Court,	1.00
	27	D. F. Shumway,	9.12
	30	Amherst Bank,	1,200.00
July	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	59.35
	1	Everett Snow, for lot in South Cemetery,	5.00
	10	H. H. Chilson, Fines in Dist. Court,	15.00
	13	D. F. Shumway,	34.50
	20	Town of Petersham,	32.14
	27	D. F. Shumway,	8.78
Aug.	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	80.55
	1	John Anderson, Repairs on Concrete Walk,	12.50
	5	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	13	D. F. Shumway,	14.50
	21	D. F. Shumway,	182.71
	22	D. F. Shumway,	104.24
	24	D. F. Shumway, Tax 1902,	31.40
	25	D. F. Shumway, Tax 1902,	7.00
	28	D. F. Shumway, Tax 1902,	1.80
	28	D. F. Shumway,	394.27

Aug.	29	Cash of License for show,	$ 3.00
	31	Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
Sept.	3	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	65.74
	5	State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	44.84
	5	D. F. Shumway,	209.01
	12	D. F. Shumway,	988.18
	18	F. E. Burnett, use of town hall,	1.00
	19	M. S. Barton, for street lamps,	3.00
	21	D. F. Shumway,	333.54
	29	D. F. Shumway,	269.43
	30	Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
Oct.	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	57.14
	2	D. F. Shumway, Tax 1902,	67.96
	3	D. F. Shumway,	464.25
	7	D. F. Shumway,	266.79
	9	M. S. Barton, for street lamps,	4.50
	10	D. F. Shumway,	211.19
	12	H. H. Chilson, fines in Dist. Court,	19.00
Oct.	13	D. F. Shumway,	117.00
	15	D. F. Shumway,	200.00
	20	E. A. Randall, use of town hall,	3.00
	21	John Stadler, butcher's license,	1.00
	23	F. E. Burnett, use of town hall,	1.00
	26	D. F. Shumway,	465.07
	31	D. F. Shumway,	483.51
	29	D. F. Shumway,	287.66
	31	D. F. Shumway, tax 1902,	55.38
Nov.	2	D. F. Shumway, tax 1902,	27.01
	2	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	60.47
	4	D. F. Shumway,	766.19
	7	D. F. Shumway,	417.88
	10	H. L. Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	42.25
	14	D. F. Shumway,	301.41
	16	F. and M. Club, license for merry-go-round,	6.00
	21	D. F. Shumway,	540.22

Nov.	28	Cash of D. F. Shumway,	$ 697.80
	30	Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
Dec.	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	70.77
	5	D. F. Shumway,	863.98
	10	Corporation tax,	202.93
	10	National Bank tax,	246.66
	10	Military aid,	30.00
	10	State aid,	1,488.00
	10	Support of state paupers,	15.00
	10	Support of state paupers,	32.00
	10	Support of state paupers,	21.00
	12	D. F. Shumway,	564.22
	19	E. F. Smith, account street lamps,	2.00
	19	D. F. Shumway,	208.10
	25	D. F. Shumway,	363.96
	26	D. F. Shumway,	230.00
	31	D. F. Shumway,	651.61
1904			
Jan.	2	Cash of M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	51.89
	2	D. F. Shumway,	389.37
	9	D. F. Shumway,	336.22
	12	County Treasurer, dog fund,	379.78
	16	D. F. Shumway,	648.82
	23	D. F. Shumway,	507.84
	26	State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	929.85
	28	Town of Petersham,	39.23
	30	D. F. Shumway,	195.38
Feb.	1	M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,	55.52
	6	D. F. Shumway,	330.61
	13	D. F. Shumway,	563.12
	15	G. H. B. Green, supplies sold,	1.80
	15	D. F. Shumway,	724.72
			$36,688.60

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March	5	Cash paid M. S. Barton, services in district court,	$13.83

March	5	Cash paid W. E. Bridgman, insurance on Franklin schoolhouse,	$ 16.50
May	6	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	13.25
	6	State Treasurer, account of liquor licenses,	550.25
June	2	Discount on note at Amherst Bank,	22.50
	30	Discount on note at Amherst Bank,	13.50
July	10	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	25.14
	11	D. H. Tillson, services in district court,	8.70
Aug.	1	W. E. Bridgman, insurance on high school building,	50.00
	31	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
	31	Discount on note Amherst Bank,	37.50
Sept.	15	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	17.97
	30	Note at Amherst Bank,	1,200.00
	30	Discount on note Amherst Bank,	25.00
Oct.	6	County tax,	1,764.20
Nov.	12	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	31.63
	30	Note at Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
	30	Discount on note Amherst Bank,	25.00
Dec.	10	State tax,	800.00
	10	Repairs on state highways,	68.50
	30	Note at Amherst Bank,	2,000.00
1904.			
Jan.	18	M. S. Barton, services in district court,	9.66
	28	Note at Amherst Bank,	3,000.00
	28	Dr. D. B. Sullivan, returning births,	1.75
	28	Dr. G. F. Thompson, returning births,	2.75

Jan.	28	Cash paid Dr. R. E. Dickson, returning births,	$ 1.75
	28	Dr. W. B. Segar, returning births,	.75
	28	Dr. S. O. Miller, returning births,	.25
	28	Dr. C. H. Giroux, returning births,	.25
	28	Dr. G. W. Rawson, returning births,	.25
	28	Dr. N. C. Haskell, returning birth,	.25
	28	Dr. H. G. Rockwell, returning births,	.25
	28	Dr. C. B. King, returning births,	1.00
	28	Dr. A. F. Warren, returning births,	1.75
	28	Fred Coomes,	.25
Feb.	15	511 Town Orders, Selectmen,	20,180.64
		Services as Treasurer,	100.00
		Cash on hand,	1,703.58
			$36,688.60

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Town Clerk.

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.

STATISTICS OF

BIRTHS.

January,	3	April,	5	July,	5	October,	5
February,	4	May,	4	August,	3	November,	5
March,	5	June,	6	September,	2	December	4

Males, 31; Females, 20; Total, 51.

MARRIAGES.

Number of intentions recorded,			11
Number of marriages recorded,			11
First Marriage,	Males, 6;	Females,	8
Second Marriage,	Males, 4;	Females,	3
Third Marriage,	Males, 1;	Females,	0
Youngest male married,			21
Youngest female married,			16
Oldest male married,			53
Oldest female married,			45

DEATHS.

January,	5	April,	2	July,	3	October,	4
February,	2	May,	4	August,	3	November,	3
March,	6	June,	1	September,	3	December,	6

Males, 27; Females, 15; Total, 42.

Native born, 33; Foreign born, 6; Unknown, 2.

Number of town meetings,	2
Mortgages recorded during the year,	9
Attachments,	2
Married women's certificates,	2

DOG LICENSE.

Males, 195, at $2.00,	$390.00	
Females, 14, at 5.00,	70.00	
		$460.00

Paid the above amount (less fees) to county treasurer.

RETURN OF BIRTHS.

D. B. Sullivan, M. D.,	7
A. F. Warren, M. D.,	7
G. F. Thomson, M. D.,	11
R. E. Dickson, M. D.,	7
W. B. Segar, M. D.,	3
H. A. Smith, M. D.,	6
S. O. Miller, M. D.,	1
C. H. Giroux, M. D.,	1
G. W. Rawson, M. D.,	1
N. C. Haskell, M. D.,	1
H. G. Rockwell, M. D.,	1
C. B. King, M. D.,	4
Fred Coomes,	1

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Superintendent of Streets.

Paid T. D. Potter & Co., tile, etc.,	$130.00
John Flaherty, labor,	175.75
M. F. Cavanaugh,	140.70
M. F. Austin,	343.25
D. F. Shumway,	231.85
F. L. Stebbins,	286.66
Henry Jerckell,	18.35
Emery Munsell,	73.15
George Ackers,	44.47
Arthur Shaw,	74.40
Dwight Jepson,	37.75
Leonard Foskett,	16.90
William Wilson,	16.35
Rob Thomson,	34.50
Roderick Weston,	13.50
Arnold Rowe,	145.85
Byron Newell,	146.10
Daniel Kennedy,	119.50
H. M. Lamson,	60.00
D. R. Ward,	35.00
H. A. Paine,	33.75
A. M. Baggs,	35.50
Gedeon Chenier,	12.00
Frank Fuller,	3.00
H. M. Jepson, dynamite,	47.88
Granby Telephone Co., dynamite,	4.10
E. E. Peeso,	9.50
Pratt Bros.,	4.00
N. A. Jenks,	1.10

Paid Sylvester Smith,	$ 3.00
L. A. Randolph, labor and dirt,	6.05
E. B. Sanford,	21.00
C. L. Jenks,	6.00
P. H. Garvey,	3.00
Alden Day,	2.10
Repairs on scraper,	25.93
F. K. Fleming, plank,	6.64
Martin Craw,	4.50
F. V. Sertuvant,	1.00
Peter Garvey,	4.00
Ira Damon,	3.95
M. J. Peeso, dirt,	3.50
M. L. Sanford, dirt,	5.00
O. B. Davis, dirt,	2.00
Walter Dunbar, dirt,	1.25
Chas. Pratt, dirt,	1.80
Oliver Shannon,	13.20
F. S. Wilson, dirt,	8.40
Geo. Kelley, dirt,	4.00
A. W. Stacy,	10.50
S. T. Hilton,	1.85
Donald Bridgman,	1.50
Wilbur Davis,	1.50
Nell Lamson,	3.50
John Staedler,	3.00
Paid for spikes, etc.,	1.20
Chas. Fleury,	1.50
William Boyce,	1.50
J. A. Peeso,	668.10
J. A. Peeso, lumber,	22.56
J. A. Peeso, tools,	10.50
J. A. Peeso, services as Superintendent,	25.00
	$3,176.39
D. P. Spencer, last year's account,	9.15
Geo. E. Allen, repairs on scraper,	3.00
Town of Palmer, Mansfield bridge,	94.71
	$3,283.25

J. A. PEESO, *Superintendent of Streets.*

Report of Overseers of Poor.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1904.

At Almshouse.

Home farm and buildings,	$5,000.00	
Two wood lots,	500.00	
Abbey pasture, 104 acres,	500.00	
		$6,000.00
Household furniture, beds, bedding, etc.,	$425.00	
Provisions of all kinds,	150.00	
Stove wood, 50 cords,	250.00	
Ice, 600 cakes,	60.00	
		$885.00
LIVE STOCK.		
1 pair of horses,	300.00	
13 cows,	480.00	
1 bull,	30.00	
1 two-years-old heifer,	18.00	
2 yearling heifers,	25.00	
3 breeding sows,	45.00	
6 shoats,	25.00	
13 shoats,	80.00	
38 hens,	20.00	
		$1,023.00
HAY.		
11½ tons good hay,	$195.50	
3 tons rowen,	48.00	
6 tons poor hay,	42.00	
6 tons oats,	72.00	
		357.50

1½ tons mixed feed,	$ 12.50	
¼ ton gluten,	7.00	
200 lbs. middlings,	2.80	
500 lbs. cracked corn,	6.00	
7 bushels oats,	4.00	
280 bushels ears of corn,	140.00	
4 bushels seed corn,	4.00	
15 bushels cob meal,	7.50	183.30
Farm tools, wagons, sleds, harness, etc.,	600.00	
		600.00
Total,		$9,048.80

Wm. E. Bridgman, Almshouse supplies,	$14.43
W. L. Sanford, " "	7.52
H. A. Shaw, stove fixtures,	3.50
Maggie Auxtimius, labor at almshouse,	14.20
M. A. Hubbard, services as warden,	20.84
D. L. Hazen, almshouse supplies,	2.94
J. W. Jackson, almshouse supplies,	12.14
E. F. Towne, grain for almshouse,	54.15
H. M. Dunbar, butter for almshouse,	5.46
C. B. King, medicine for almshouse,	9.25
E. F. Towne, grain for almshouse,	31.30
Arthur Bridgman, supplies for almshouse,	5.20
M. A. Hubbard, services as warden,	25.00
H. A. Hopkins, almshouse supplies,	3.39
F. W. Fellows, repairs on harness,	3.05
G. Chenaise, cutting wood,	12.00
F. F. Dewey, almshouse supplies,	20.39
J. P. Walker, blacksmithing,	10.30
A. F. Warren, medical attendance, C. Streeter,	24.00
A. M. Baggs, beef,	10.85.

The above account was contracted previous to April first, and is not chargeable to the account of the present warden.

Wm. E. Bridgman, almshouse supplies,	$ 15.96
E. H. Dyer, grain for almshouse,	19.24
B. F. Freeman, services as warden,	254.00
George Belden, labor at town farm,	167.75

D. L. Hazen, supplies at almshouse,	$12.35
J. W. Jackson, supplies at almshouse,	2.80
H. A. Hopkins, supplies at almshouse,	3.22
Emily Cooley, labor at almshouse,	8.80
W. L. Sanford, supplies at almshouse,	7.15
J. W. Jackson, supplies at almshouse,	18.47
F. F. Dewey, supplies at almshouse,	7.55
E. H. Dyer, grain at almshouse,	31.40
F. F. Dewey, almshouse supplies,	8.86
H. A. Hopkins, almshouse supplies,	3.34
T. Mansfield, horseshoeing,	1.25
W. F. Carter, repairing wagon,	8.25
E. H. Dyer, grain,	62.35
J. W. Jackson, supplies,	3.92
Arthur Bridgman, supplies,	2.28
D. L. Hazen, supplies,	20.89
W. L. Sanford, supplies,	12.47
James Mansfield, seed potatoes,	5.60
R. K. Shumway, painting buggy,	8.00
D. L. Hazen, supplies,	5.86
F. W. Fellows, trimming shafts,	2.00
A. L. Hubbard, opening grave for C. Streeter,	3.50
Jane Pierce, laundry,	3.00
L. A. Smith, coffin box and coffin for C. Streeter,	17.75
E. H. Dyer, grain,	54.87
M. A. Hicks, blacksmithing,	2.70
T. Mansfield, blacksmithing,	1.00
J. W. Jackson, supplies,	29.15
F. F. Dewey, supplies,	9.74
Eugene Randall, repairs for farm tools,	6.70
H. A. Hopkins, supplies,	1.70
D. L. Hazen, supplies,	4.16
Smith & Hubbell, delivery wagon,	57.50
L. W. Dillon, spring tooth harrow,	20.00
E. H. Dyer, grain,	62.20
M. S. Dunham, plumbing,	7.81
J. W. Jackson, supplies,	3.45

D. L. Hazen, supplies,	$21.07
F. F. Dewey, supplies,	10.51
C. E. Davis, papering and whitewashing,	11.05
A. Bridgman, supplies,	5.16
R. E. Dillon, horse rake,	21.50
R. E. Dillon, Pitman,	2.25
A. Bridgman, supplies,	17.62
E. H. Dyer, grain,	30.65
E. C. Witt, fertilizer and potatoes,	59.00
J. W. Jackson, supplies,	3.69
T. Mansfield, horseshoeing,	1.45
F. F. Dewey, supplies,	16.22
H. M. Dunbar, butter,	2.73
F. W. Fellows, repairs and supplies,	3.35
M. Hicks, blacksmithing,	6.25
D. L. Hazen, supplies,	8.35
F. F. Dewey, supplies,	19.05
E. H. Dyer, grain and grass seed,	67.31
H. A. Hopkins, supplies,	9.66
J. W. Jackson, supplies,	3.00
F. F. Dewey, supplies,	18.14
C. H. Snow, supplies,	9.28
J. W. Jackson, supplies,	2.95
W. L. Sanford, supplies,	36.38
E. H. Dyer, grain,	75.48
T. Mansfield, blacksmithing,	1.25
A. Bridgman, supplies,	8.85
E. H. Dyer, grain,	55.75
M. A. Hicks, blacksmithing,	2.35
C. B. King, medical attendance,	37.50
H. A. Hopkins, supplies,	25.71
J. E. Miller, cutting ice,	3.00
W. M. Wilson, cutting ice,	3.00
A. Bridgman, supplies,	7.63
J. W. Jackson, supplies,	8.75
E. H. Dyer, grain,	74.35
F. W. Fellows, repairs at almshouse,	1.65
E. H. Dyer, grain at almshouse,	22.35

D. L. Hazen, supplies at almshouse,	$17.20	
H. A. Hopkins, supplies at almshouse,	5.64	
Total expenditures,		$2,005.98
Cr. Cash received for cream and milk,	$832.97	
Cash paid by Warden to treasurer,	16.74	
Cash in hands of Warden,	11.36	
Increase in value of personal property,	167.30	
For driving hearse, 22 calls,	44.00	
Received from inmate for board,	6.00	
		1,078.37
Actual cost at almshouse,		$927.61

Average cream test, $20\frac{3}{4}$.

Whole number of inmates during the year, 9

Number of tramps, 124

Three deaths occurred during the year:

Mr. Charles Streeter,
Mrs. Sarah King,
Mrs. Joanna Bush.

In closing this report we wish to convey to our successors in office the high esteem in which we hold the warden and matron of the Almshouse. We have found them honest, industrious, and careful for the interests of the town, while the inmates with one accord tell of the careful and considerate treatment they have received at their hands.

WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Income from Mar. 25, 1903, to Feb. 15, 1904, inclusive.

	Skim milk,	$120.10
	Eggs,	14.10
	Veal calves,	54.60
	Calves,	6.00
Aug. 10	Mr. Garvey, one cow,	6.00
	Hearse job,	2.00
	Chas. Streeter,	1.00
Nov. 16	E. C. Farrington, use of hearse,	3.00

Nov.	30	F. F. Dewey, pork,	$36.72
	28	S. D. Chapman, two pigs,	5.00
		H. Jepson, hide and tallow,	2.40
Jan.	1, 1904.		
		Mr. White Hawks, drawing ice,	3.40
	14	Mr. Garvey, two cows,	24.00
Feb.	1	E. F. Dewey, beef,	21.26
	10	A. B. Howard, beef,	2.00
		Total,	$301.58

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Warden.*

EXPENDITURE AT ALMSHOUSE.

From March 25, 1903, to February 15, 1904.

May	21	Seed corn,	$ 1.50
June	1	Paid into treasury,	16.74
	6	Freight charges on express wagon,	3.25
	22	Stock service,	2.75
Aug.	21	Butterworth & Gould, W. Springfield, 1 single harness,	11.00
	31	Floor paint,	1.50
Sept.	1	Crofts & Reed, soaps,	10.00
	23	Potter & Bond, repairs on windows,	5.72
Oct.	1	Fruit for canning,	2.20
	15	G. H. B. Green, 1 signal mail box,	2.75
	22	George Dunbar, for ice,	3.50
	29	Making cider,	1.56
Nov.	1	E. C. Witt, $\frac{1}{4}$ interest in roller,	6.25
	1	Plow repairs,	1.58
	14	H. Jepson, butchering,	3.25
	14	George Dunbar, for ice,	2.00
	16	J. McGlenn, husking corn,	5.00
	16	Sawdust,	2.00
	28	A. Bridgman, groceries,	4.64
		D. L. Hazen, groceries,	6.72
		J. W. Jackson, groceries,	2.97

		Paid W. L. Sanford, groceries,	$ 8.64
		H. A. Hopkins, dry goods,	5.71
Dec.	1	F. F. Dewey, groceries,	11.85
	1	B. L. Thrasher, plumber,	2.75
	1	M. A. Hicks, blacksmith,	2.15
	1	3 yards rubber sheeting,	2.25
	1	Clothing for Mr. Mansfield,	3.50
	9	D. Nutting, calf,	1.00
	31	W. L. Sanford, groceries,	1.47
1904.			
Jan.	1	Mr. White Hawks, ice plowing,	.50
	1	M. A. Hicks, repairs on single sleighs,	8.45
	1	M. A. Hicks, horseshoeing,	5.85
	1	A. B. Howard, tomato plants,	1.00
	1	A. B. Howard, strawberries,	2.24
	11	Copper wash boiler,	2.50
	15	D. Shumway, harness oil, straps, etc.,	2.85
Feb.	1	J. W. Jackson, groceries,	6.38
	1	A. Bridgman, groceries,	2.29
	1	W. L. Sanford, groceries,	2.87
	1	F. F. Dewey, groceries,	21.26
	1	M. A. Hicks, repairs on double sleds,	12.00
		M. A. Hicks, repairs on harness pole,	.50
		Sundries,	20.80
		Grand Union Tea Co.,	27.12
		Mrs. Cooley, washing at almshouse,	25.55
		Mrs. Cooley, on account Anne Bush,	3.00
		Barber services for year,	8.86
		Amount,	$290.22

Feb. 15. Cash in hands of Warden, $11.36.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Warden.*

EXPENSES OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Nellie Stone, care of Sallie Pratt,	$78.02
L. A. Smith, casket, box and services for F. A. Prouty,	33.00

Paid Ira Squires, cutting wood for Mrs. Cooley,	$ 3.00
State Treasurer, support of Mary E. Hyde,	11.14
Wm. Kennedy, supplies for K. L. Haynes,	10.00
J. H. Main, house rent for Mrs. Cooley,	4.00
L. F. Babbitt, care of insane,	677.84
C. B. King, medical attendance on Fred Cady and Patrick Dunleavy,	35.00
City of Northampton, aid for Michael Welsh,	8.87
Wm. Kennedy, supplies for K. L. Haynes,	4.28
Albert Johnson, care of Fred Cady,	1.50
D. B. Sullivan, medical attendance on Thomas Dunleavy,	16.50
Cooley Dickinson hospital, care of Frank Pezze,	15.00
Laura Hall, care of Antonio Cresa,	40.00
Thomas O'Brien, partial support,	12.50
A. F. Warren, medical attendance on Antonio Cresa,	30.00
H. C. Davis, burial of E. Hastings,	12.50
Worcester City Hospital, support of Ruth Capen,	12.00
C. B. King, medical attendance, medicine, etc,	6.00
L. M. Senna, services as nurse for Wolfskill family,	27.00
Jane Pierce, laundry for Wolfskill family,	1.25
H. G. Rockwell, medical attendance on Mrs. Ward,	23.00
L. A. Smith, casket for Mrs. Ward,	15.00
L. A. Smith, casket for Ralph Wolfskill,	13.50
E. R. Blackmer, milk and potatoes for Wolfskill family,	8.28
Mrs. L. M. Adams, care of Mrs. Ward,	10.20
J. W. Jackson, supplies for Wolfskill family,	13.63
Alice Hamilton, services as nurse for Wolfskill family,	114.80
C. B. King, medical attendance on Wolfskill family,	20.10

Paid C. B. King, medical attendance on Mrs. Ward,	$14.00	
D. L. Hazen, supplies for Wolfskill family,	13.87	
D. L. Hazen, blankets for Mrs. Ward,	8.00	
D. L. Hazen, shoes for Mrs. Ward,	4.00	
Treasurer of town of Templetown, support of Mary White and husband,	99.00	
H. A. Hopkins, supplies for Wolfskill family,	3.18	
W. L. Sanford, supplies for Wolfskill family,	1.41	
F. L. Stebbins, one cofd of wood for Walpskill family,	2.50	
		$1,403.87
Received from state for support of state paupers,	$ 17.51	
From Mrs. Cooley,	138.25	
From Hannah Russell, support of Nellie Russell,	126.75	
From town of Petersham, support of Sally Pratt,	71.37	
		$353.88
Total expense outside of almshouse,		$1,049.99

M. S. BARTON,
A. C. SMITH,
E. A. RANDALL,
Overseers of Poor.

Town Account.

Paid Samuel Allen, survey of three routes for proposed road,	$ 5.00
G. B. Jackson, care of town clock,	48.00
H. E. Atwood, setting glass and material,	2.27
Wm. E. Bridgman, services as auditor and justice of the peace,	8.00
L. A. Smith, returns of deaths,	4.50
M. S. Barton, services as selectman, overseer of poor, and use of team,	144.50
M. S. Barton, telephone, express and postage,	11.56
A. C. Smith, services as selectman, R. R. fare, etc.,	12.23
Nelson Randall, services as selectman,	11.43
H. F. Shaw, services as election officer,	3.00
A. H. Hubbard, services as election officer,	1.50
G. H. B. Green, services as moderator,	5.00
J. C. Hammond, legal services,	28.60
F. S. Williams, services as election officer,	3.00
M. L. Sanford, services as election officer,	1.50
C. B. Fiske, printing town reports,	53.80
D. K. Shumway, services as election officer,	1.50
Frank E. Austin, services as election officer,	3.00
Wm. B. Shaw, services as election officer,	3.00
M. S. Barton, R. R. fare and expenses to Boston, Fitchburg and Springfield,	13.10
Wm. E. Bridgman, box of steel pens,	.75
P. B. Murphy, dog licenses and posters,	2.50
M. S. Barton, R. R. fare, blanks, etc.,	10.50
E. A. Randall, R. R. fare to Boston,	3.62

Paid A. C. Smith, R. R. fare to Boston, twice,	$ 6.72
Post 97, G. A. R., Memorial Day appropriation,	50.00
A. E. Pease, services as election officer,	1.50
E. A. Randall, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	84.00
J. R. Wales, binding books,	2.00
S. A. Hodgkins, repairing settees and chairs,	3.00
E. C. Davis, survey of new road,	19.97
J. E. Miller, burying a quarantined cow,	2.00
M. S. Barton, expense of state aid examinations,	6.00
A. L. Pratt, services as assessor,	80.00
F. B. Alden, services as assessor,	80.00
A. C. Smith, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	78.75
F. B. Alden, assessors' supplies,	3.90
G. M. Fisher, one-half cord of wood,	2.15
J. R. Gould, services as cattle inspector,	145.75
Sanford & Stebbins, one-half cord of wood,	1.75
R. K. Shumway, services as registrar,	11.00
C. B. Fiske & Co., printing voters' lists,	10.00
D. F. Shumway, abatement of several taxes,	19.60
D. F. Shumway, services as collector, 1902,	50.00
Cornelius Riley, services as watchman,	2.00
D. K. Shumway, services as ballot clerk,	2.00
A. H. Hubbard, services as election officer,	1.50
E. A. Randall, services as election officer,	1.50
H. C. West, pipe and labor repairing tank,	3.00
Guy C. Allen Jr., services as assessor,	75.00
A. W. Staples, map of Massachusetts,	2.50
E. C. Howard, printing tramp tickets,	.75
M. S. Barton, express, telephone, R. R. fare, etc.,	7.23
H. A. Smith, return of births,	1.50
D. L. Hazen, muriatic acid for engine,	7.45
W. M. Goodell, fighting forest fires,	6.40
Homer Pratt, fighting forest fires,	29.00
G. C. Allen, Jr., services as constable,	2.00
M. L. Sanford, services as election officer,	1.50
B. L. Thrasher, funnel,	.25

Paid M. G. Ward, services as election officer,		$ 3.00
D. L. Hazen, oil stove and oil, engine house,		4.20
Treasurer of Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,		379.78
D. F. Shumway, part payment collecting taxes,		50.00
D. F. Shumway, abatement of several taxes,		69.42
G. E. Sanford, services in Carroll Case,		15.00
A. B. Shaw, services as registrar,		11.00
H. F. Shaw, ballot clerk,		1.50
L. A. Smith, return of deaths,		5.50
William Stone, key for town hall,		.50
A. H. Hubbard, labor and fertilizer,		7.00
J. R. Gould, inspection of barns, stables, etc.,		93.00
A. Bridgman, supplies for town hall,		3.56
A. Bridgman, R. R. fare, postage, etc.,		14.81
A. Bridgman, express, postage, etc.,		9.28
Wm. E. Bridgman, services as justice of the peace, and oil for street lamps,		14.60
F. L. Stebbins, services as registrar,		10.00
G. H. B. Green, payment for land and other expenses for Union School,		111.24
A. Bridgman, services as town clerk,		97.10
Total town expenses,		$2,084.02
Less abatement on taxes,	$ 89.02	
Less dog fund for library,	379.78	$468.80
Net town expenses,		$1,615.22

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State, for State aid,	$1,479.00	
from State, for military aid,	72.00	
from State, for cattle inspection,	46.50	
from State, for support of Stephen White,	42.00	
from town of Templetown, for support of Sally Pratt,	6.65	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1,703.58	
Balance in hands of Collector,	1,667.49	
Total,		$5,017.22

Paid bills approved by the School Committee, on school account amounting to, $7,804.04

For particulars see report of School Committee.

We have issued during the year 511 town orders amounting to $20,180.64

M. S. BARTON,
A. C. SMITH,
E. A. RANDALL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 18th, 1904.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Belchertown, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the hands of the Treasurer and on deposit in the First National Bank of Amherst, Mass., the sum of $1,703.58.

C. B. KING, *Auditor.*

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Paid A. J. Rowe, labor, grading,	$ 3.00	
Wm. Boyce, labor, grading,	2.25	
L. C. Jencks, labor, grading,	3.50	
D. F. Shumway, labor, grading,	7.35	
M. S. Barton, services,	4.00	
C. H. Walker, labor, grading,	1.50	
H. M. Dunbar, labor, grading,	3.50	
Oliver Shannon, gravel,	5.00	
Charmandin Brothers, for new walk,	836.30	
Charmandin Brothers, repairs of old walk,	55.20	
Total cost of new walk and repairs of old walk,		$921.60
Received from John Anderson,	$12.50	
from abuttors,	118.99	
		$131.49
		$790.11
Appropriation,		715.00
Excess,		$75.11

REPORT ON STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Quimby & Co., lamps,	$ 4.85	
J. Russell & Co., lamps,	38.16	
F. F. Dewey, lamps,	6.98	
D. L. Hazen, supplies for street lamps,	10.55	
D. L. Hazen, oil for street lamps,	15.20	
D. L. Hazen, lamps and chimneys,	7.75	
F. G. Shaw, express and cartage,	1.22	
D. F. Shumway, erecting lamps,	2.00	
A. P. Bates, turning 16 posts,	12.80	
Sanford and Stebbins, 18 posts,	4.67	
A. H. Hubbard, painting posts,	2.50	
F. W. Fellows, oil,	7.70	
B. L. Thrasher, repairs,	.75	
Stanley Bridgman, lighting,	56.00	
S. E. Atwood, lighting,	19.20	
Frank Morris, lighting,	16.00	
		$206.33
Received from citizens,		$ 9.50
		$195.83
Appropriation,		175.00
Excess,		$20.83

ANNEX AND REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL.

Paid H. D. Hoag, building annex,	$170.00	
G. W. Coleman, building chimney,	46.75	
B. L. Thrasher, stove and pipe,	19.10	
		$235.85
Appropriation,		200.00
Excess above appropriation,		$ 35.85

The new road near the depot for which the sum of $600 was appropriated is not yet completed. The sum of one hundred dollars was paid for the land, and a contract to build the road was made for the sum of $450; $350 has been paid on this contract, leaving $100 in the treasury to be paid on the completion of the road.

M. S. BARTON,
A. C. SMITH,
E. A. RANDALL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Report of Burial Ground Commissioners.

Balance left from last year,	$151.48	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	50.00	
Received of E. E. Snow, for lot in South cemetery,	5.00	
		$206.48

EXPENDITURES.

Paid E. S. Lane, mowing Holyoke cemetery,	$2.25	
E. S. Lane, mowing Liberty cemetery,	2.25	
E. S. Lane, labor at Tylerville cemetery,	12.25	
D. R. Ward, mowing Union cemetery,	3.00	
D. R. Ward, mowing West Hill cemetery,	1.50	
D. R. Ward, mowing Bluemeadow cemetery	1.00	
D. R. Ward, lumber,	3.00	
Frank Fuller, mowing Lake Vale cemetery,	6.00	
M. A. Whittemore, mowing South Center cemetery,	8.00	
N. Randall, care of cemeteries,	2.50	
D. L. Hazen, gate for tomb,	4.40	
A. H. Hubbard, care of town lots and mowing walks,	19.00	
D. P. Spencer, repairing tomb,	97.55	
		$162.70
Balance in treasury,		$43.78
Estimated interest on deposits in bank,		46.00
		$ 89.78

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. WARD,
NELSON RANDALL,
E. S. LANE,
} *Burial Ground Commissioners.*

List of Jurors.

Martin W. Bardwell,
A. H. Hubbard,
Henry R. Gould,
Charles L. Jenks,
John J. Austin,
E. A. Randall,
Harry H. Ward,
Irving L. Mills,
A. B. Howard,
Arthur Bridgman,
George M. Fisher,
Dwight F. Shumway,
Eugene Randall,
D. P. Spencer,
George Akers,
Myron A. Shaw,
Homer S. Pratt,
A. C. Smith,
William H. Capen,
Herman K. Lane,
W. L. Sanford,
Arthur S. Jenks,
Edwin F. Shumway,
Roswell Allen,
Michael P. Bowler,
F. B. Alden,
Michael F. Austin 1st.
Fred M. Fuller,
Daniel D. Hazen,
Frank E. Austin,
Willard H. V. Belding.

Report of Building Committee.

The committee chosen by the town at its annual meeting March 2, 1903, to locate and build a schoolhouse in Union school district, snbmit the following report:

We received a petition from residents of the district asking that the proposed new building be erected on the site of the old brick schoolhouse we also received another of equal strength requesting that it be built near the Union Evangelical Chapel.

After careful consideration of the advantages presented by both locations, the committee voted unanimously to locate the house opposite the chapel on land of Mrs. Bridget Joy, of it could be purchased at a reasonable price.

A plot of one and three-quarter acres was staked out and a subcommittee appointed to negotiate for the same; but the owner did not care to sell a part of the field but was willing to dispose of the whole. Consequently the town owns a plot containing nine acres and one hundred fifty rods, costing $ 99.38

Expenses attending the survey, purchase, etc. were, 11.86

Making total cost of field $111.24

The contract for building the house was awarded Edward R. Peeso at,	$849.00	
Paid Mr. Peeso, extra work,	7.00	
George Kelley, painting,	55.00	
J. L. Hammett Co., slate,	31.81	
Kenney Bros. & Walkins, furniture,	131.45	
D. L. Hazen, stove and pipe,	9.74	
Freight and cartage on slate, furniture, etc.,	5.88	
For setting up furniture,	8.75	
For plans, specifications and supervision,	12.00	
Total cost of house,		$1,110.63
		$1221.87

This community, which has so long been in need of better school accommodations, now has a schoolroom second to none in town.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. BARTON,
M. A. MORSE,
MARIA D. S. LONGLEY,
A. C. SMITH,
GEO. H. B. GREEN,
E. A. RANDALL,

Building Committee.

Annual School Report.

School Committee

Organization March, 1903—March, 1904.

M. A. Morse, Chairman, . . . Term expires March, 1904

George H. B. Green, ... Term expires March, 1905

Mrs. Maria D. S. Longley, Secretary, Term expires March, 1906

Belchertown High School

Class of 1903

Program of Graduation

. . . at . . .

Congregational Church

Friday Evening June 12

At 8 o'clock

MOTTO:

"Climb though the Rocks be Rugged."

GRADUATES.

MAUDE CORNELIA DORMAN.
CAROLINE PENELOPE HOLLAND
ELLEN VERONICA O'CONNOR.
MILDRED EVELYN WARD.
EDWARD PAYSON BARTLETT.
FRANK DWIGHT FULLER.
FRANK EDWARD RANDALL.
MASON LYMAN SANFORD.

CLASS HONORS.

1st EDWARD BARTLETT. 2d ELLEN O'CONNOR.
3d FRANK FULLER.

INSTRUCTORS.

JOHN SANBORN, Principal.
IDA ST. GEORGE, Assistant.

. . . Program

MARCH.

Prayer, . . REV. J. B. ADKINS.

ESSAY, with Salutatory. . . . "Success"

MISS O'CONNOR.

ESSAY. . . "Inventors and Inventions"

MR. SANFORD.

ESSAY. . . . . "Music"

MISS HOLLAND.

MUSIC

CLASS HISTORY. . . . .

MISS DORMAN.

ORATION. . . . "Evolution of Agriculture"

MR. FULLER.

MUSIC.

ESSAY. . . . . "In Limine"

MISS WARD.

CLASS PROPHECY. . . .

MR. RANDALL.

MUSIC.

ESSAY, with Valedictory. "Industry and Independence"

MR. BARTLETT.

Presentation of Diplomas, MR. M. A. MORSE.

MARCH.

MEMBERS OF HIGH SCHOOL MARCH, 1904.

		Class of 1904.		
Males,	5	Females,	8	13
		Class of 1905.		
Males,	7	Females,	9	16
		Class of 1906.		
Males,	6	Females,	6	12
		Class of 1907.		
Males,	14	Females,	14	28
	32		37	69

LIST OF SCHOOL BOOKS IN USE FEBRUARY, 1904.

READERS.

Holden Primer, first and second reader.
Cyr's Primer, first and second reader.
Lights to Literature, Books 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Normal Course in Reading.
New Franklin Readers, full series.
Harper's Readers, full series.
Rupert's Geographical Readers.
Fairy Stories and Fables.
Stories of Great Americans.
Stories of American Life and Adventure.
Stories of The Old Bay State.
Stories of The Fifteen Colonies.
Stories of The Great Republic.

ENGLISH.

Lockwood's English Lessons.
Tales of the White Hills.
Longfellow, Whittier, and Lowell.
Shaw's Outlines of English Literature.
Lady of the Lake.
Julius Cæsar.
Merchant of Venice.

Conciliation with America.
Idylls of the King.
Lays of Ancient Rome.
Sir Roger De Coverly Papers.
Il Penseroso and L' Allegro.
Christmas Carol.
Webster's Reply to Hayne.
Ancient Mariner.

ARITHMETIC AND HIGHER MATHEMATICS.

Prince's Primary.
Nichol's Graded Lessons, books II to VIII.
Greenleaf's First Lessons.
Greenleaf's Brief Course.
Greenleaf's Complete.
Warren Colburn's First Lessons.
Thomson's Commercial.
Meservey's Bookkeeping.
Wentworth's School Algebra.
Wentworth's New Plane Geometry.

SPELLING.

Dunton and Clark's Normal Course.

LANGUAGES.

Mary Hyde's Lessons in English, I and II.
Greene's Introductory Grammar.
Greene's English Grammar.

GEOGRAPHY.

Rand and Mc Nallys' Primary.
Rand and Mc Nally's Elementary.
Frye's Complete, with Manual.
Gilbert and Brigham's Physical.

HISTORY.

Barnes' One Term.
Meyer's General.

PHYSICS.

Sharpless and Phillips.

CHEMISTRY.

Steele's.

PHYSIOLOGY.

Pathfinder, No. 1, No. 2.
Brandt's.

BOTANY.

Gray's How Plants Grow

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Martin's.

GEOLOGY.

LeConte.

ASTRONOMY.

Todd's New Astronomy.

POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Thomson.

ZOOLOGY.

Burnett's School Zoology.

PSYCHOLOGY.

Halleck.

FRENCH.

Chardenal's Complete French Course.
Super–French Reader.
Malot– Sans Famille.
Verne–Tour du Monde en Quatrs Vingte Jours.
Souvestre–Confession d'un Ouvrier.
Moliere–Le Medecin Malgre Len.
Moliere–Les Femmes Savantes.

LATIN.

Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar.
Collar & Daniell's First Latin Book.
Lane & Erving's Cæsar.
Kelsey's Cicero.
Harper & Miller's Virgil.

PENMANSHIP.

Hill's Educational System of Vertical.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT OF AIDS FOR SCHOOL WORK.

In compliance with a request of the School Committee, the Librarian takes great pleasure in reporting some very pleasing features of the work in connection with that of the public schools. The interest of the pupils, especially of the Center Schools increases steadily as the pupils become better acquainted with the various helps that the Library aims to supply for the use of the schools, both teachers and pupils. The "open shelf" system has been in use something over a year, and has many advantages as well as some disadvantages. The Library has not a subject catalogue. A classified card catalogue of authors and their works stands on the librarian's desk, ready for use, and lists of all books are always at hand if called for. Many new books are added as often as the funds will permit. The schools are always in mind when book lists are made up. During the present year, thirty-five or more volumes have been purchased for the use of the schools. These include twenty-six volumes of Shoemaker's Best Selections for reading or speaking. The Juvenile department of the Library contains nearly one thousand volumes, many of them being books of history, travels, biography and miscellaneous works besides fiction, the larger part of which are historical narratives. Knox's "Boy Travelers," The "Zig-Zag Journeys" by Butterworth, Colonial Stories and Histories of the Revolutionary Period have each succeeded the other as the years go by. Books loaned to teachers and pupils for school use during the past year have been more in number than usual, but the exact number cannot be given owing to the lack of time to make up the account. Probably five hundred would not be too large a figure. As the school cards on which many books are taken have not all been taken up this winter the number cannot be accurately given. The reference alcove, open to all, contains the Century Dictionaries, also Worcester's and Webster's Unabridged, Cyclopedia Brittanica with American Supplement, Chamber's Encyclopedia, Lippincott's Gazetteer and Pronouncing Biographical Dictionary, Latin, English, French, German and Spanish Dictionaries, and several books for teachers, Walker's Atlas of Massachusetts, Crane's Atlas of the World, also Black's Atlas and a large number of other helpful works.

The circulation of Juvenile books, for the year ending May 31,

1903, was 2,188; The circulation of the various classes a total of 10,018, Juveniles being nearly one-fifth of the whole circulation.

The Reading-room tables contain the following periodicals—Century, Cosmopolitan, Harper's, McClure's, North American Review, Scribner's and St. Nicholas Magazines, also American Ornithology and Current Literature. The Etude for musical instruction, Boys' World and Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, all paid for from Library funds. Also the Springfield Daily Republican. The "free list" contains The Protectionist, The Industrial World, The Volunteers' Gazette, and others more transient. The Teachers' Institute has been among the periodicals prized by the teachers and has been subscribed for by the Library since 1890. All the periodicals are bound twice a year, thus adding valuable work to the department of language and literature.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BARTON, *Librarian.*

Belchertown, Feb. 20, 1904.

We embody in this the report of our Truant Officer to which we annex a brief summary of laws relating to labor and school attendance.

To the School Committee of Belchertown:

I have received during the year twenty-three summonses from committee and teachers to attend to absentees.

To all I have given prompt attention with the result that the delinquents have returned to school. In one case I have been compelled to bring the parent of the absentee before the court having jurisdiction in such cases.

A strong admonition from the Judge supplemented by the imposition of a fine has resulted in perfect attendance from this delinquent during the remainder of the year.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*

Every child between the ages of 7 and 14 years must attend school while the schools are in session. If any person having under his control such a child, fails for five days within any period of six

months to cause such child to attend school, such person is liable to a fine of twenty dollars.

No child under 14 years of age can work in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment at any time.

Any person who employs a child under 14 years of age for any purpose while the schools are in session is liable to a fine not to exceed fifty dollars.

SCHOOL RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1903,	$2,458.78	
Appropriation March 2, 1903,	5,250.00	
Received from State School Fund,	929.85	
Received for tuition of State wards,	610.00	
Received from Bridgman High School Fund,	242.40	
Received from Ludlow for tuition,	9.50	
Received for supplies sold,	1.80	
		$9,502.33

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages from Town Treasury,	$5,375.26	
Teachers' wages from Bridgman Fund,	242.40	
For books and supplies,	291.07	
For fuel,	361.20	
For tuition to Town of Ludlow,	24.50	
For salaries of School Committee,	266.00	
For salary of Truant Officer,	20.00	
For janitors,	142.86	
For miscellaneous items,	66.60	
	$6,789.89	
Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1904,	2,712.44	
		$9,502.33

BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

(Chargeable to Town Account.)

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1903,	$ 103.43

Appropriation for Union schoolhouse,	$1,000.00	
Appropriation for general repairs,	150.00	
Appropriation overdrawn,	3.12	
		$1,256.55

EXPENDITURES.

For Union schoolhouse and furnishings,	$1,110.63	
For general repairs and furnishings,	145.92	
		$1,256.55

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1903,	$85.00
Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1904,	85.00

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

STATEMENTS IN DETAIL.

TEACHERS' WAGES.

		Weeks.		
High School,	John Sanborn,	12	$22.50	$270.00
" "	John Sanborn,	24	27.77⅞	666.66
" "	Ida St. George,	36	15.00	540.00
Center Grammar,	Ida L. Shaw,	32	10.00	320.00
" Intermediate,	Helen R. Jamieson,	24⅕	10.00	242.00
" "	Amy L. Randall,	1	7.00	7.00
" "	Mrs. L. C. Gutberlett,	7	10.00	70.00
Primary	Marion L. Whitelaw,	32	10.00	320.00
Cold Spring,	Agnes M. Cummings,	32	6.00	192.00
Franklin Grammar,	Lulu A. Austin,	32	7.00	224.00
" Primary,	S. Belle Snow,	34	7.00	238.00
Liberty,	Nellie J. Sullivan,	12	7.50	90.00
"	Nellie J. Sullivan,	20	8.00	160.00
Washington,	Nellie G. Shea,	32	5.50	176.00
Rock Rimmon,	Leona Williams,	22	5.50	121.00
" "	Ruby F. Knight,	10	6.00	60.00

		Weeks.		
Chestnut Hill,	Marion L. Bartlett,	32	$8.00	$256.00
Holyoke,	Edith L. Towne,	32	7.00	224.00
Federal,	Mrs. L. C. Gutberlett,	22	7.00	154.00
"	Alice A. Grady,	2	7.75	15.50
"	Mary E. Looney,	8	7.00	56.00
Lake Vale,	Bridget C. Fitzgerald,	32	5.00	160.00
Union,	Bessie A. Kennedy,	11	6.00	66.00
"	Amy Randall,	21	7.00	147.00
West Hill,	Bessie Berry,	11	7.00	77.00
" "	Julia V. Sartwell,	21	6.00	126.00
East Hill,	Jennie M. Horr,	32	6.50	208.00
Laurel,	Mrs. Guy C. Allen Jr.,	32	6.50	208.00
Blue Meadow,	Walter O. Terry,	11	6.50	71.50
" "	Bessie Berry,	11	7.00	77.00
" "	Arthur E. Pease,	10	7.50	75.00
				$5,617.66
Less Bridgman High School Fund,				242.40
Cost from Town Treasury,				$5,375.26

JANITORS.

Bartlett and Fairchild, Center, (1902 bill),	$30.00	
Bartlett and Fairchild, Center, (1903 bill),	26.67	
Atwood and Gould, Center, (1903 bill),	19.69	
Adkins and Pierce, Center, (1903 bill),	30.00	
Paid in other schools,	36.50	
		$142.86

COST OF FUEL.

J. A. Peeso,	wood for	Center Schools	$80.20
D. R. Ward,	" "	" "	11.25
" "	" "	West Hill "	12.50
" "	" "	East Hill "	12.50
" "	" "	" " " 1902,	12.50
Ward and Peeso,	" "	Federal "	5.00

Geo. S. Warner,	wood for	Federal School,	$20.50
"	" " "	Lake Vale "	15.00
Michael Austin,	" "	Franklin "	34.75
D. F. Shumway,	" "	" "	12.75
Peter Hannifin,	" "	Cold Spring "	10.00
Henry Jucket,	" "	Union " 1902,	13.50
"	" " "	" "	12.00
Clayton R. Green,	" "	Chest't Hill school,	17.50
W. J. Holcomb,	" "	Blue Meadow school,	14.50
Thomas Sullivan,	" "	Liberty school,	20.00
Edwin F. Shumway,	" "	Holyoke "	10.00
M. W. Bardwell,	" "	Washington "	8.25
C. L. Randall,	" "	Laurel "	2.50
Geo. H. B. Green,	" "	Rock Rim'on school,	15.00
M. A. Morse,	" "	East Hill school,	1.00
E. E. Meade,	" "	West Hill "	2.00
Stebbins, Pratt, Legrand and others, kindlings,			18.00
			$361.20

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett Co.,	$81.15	
Ginn & Company,	52.46	
A. H. Bartlett,	43.29	
B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	19.50	
Rand, McNally & Co.,	11.52	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	11.22	
D. L. Hazen,	11.00	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	10.02	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	8.08	
American Book Co.,	6.96	
Scott, Faresman & Co.,	6.85	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	6.07	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	5.00	
D. Appleton & Co.,	5.04	
Sundry small bills,	12.91	
		$291.07

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Prize speaking—music,	$ 3.50		
R. R. fare and entertainment of judges,	10.00		
Moving of piano,	1.50		
		$15.00	
Graduation expenses,—programs,	$11.50		
Howard & Brown, diplomas,	2.50		
Walter Ross, lettering diplomas,	6.00		
Ribbon for diplomas,	2.25		
		$22.25	
Everett Howard, printing,		$ 4.25	
Oliver Hyde, drum sticks,		1.00	
Freight, express, postage, etc.,		24.10	
			$66.60

COST OF SUPERVISION.

M. A. Morse, salary,	$91.00	
Geo. H. B. Green, salary,	90.00	
Mrs. Maria S. Longley, salary,	85.00	
E. F. Shumway, truant officer,	20.00	
		$286.00
Tuition paid to Ludlow,		24.50
Total charged to school account,		$6,547.49

TOWN ACCOUNT.

DETAILED STATEMENT.

Union schoolhouse, (see report of Building Committee,)	$1,110.63
Shingle and cartage, Holyoke,	13.70
M. C. Bardwell, shingling, Holyoke,	3.50
B. L. Thrasher, repairing pump, Holyoke,	1.75
Sanford & Stebbins, lumber, Federal,	3.80
Geo. S. Warner, lumber and labor, Federal,	5.45
Lumber and hardware, Center,	17.76
Wm. Bell, labor, Center,	4.50

Desk and tables, Center,	$21.96	
Wm. B. Shaw, repairs, Center,	1.00	
Geo. Canterbury, repairs, Franklin,	10.25	
M. Whitmore, cleaning well, Franklin,	7.25	
Roswell Allen, pump, Franklin,	13.50	
Sanitary work,	9.50	
Sundry small repairs,	32.00	
Total charged to town account,		$1,256.55

SUMMARY.

Of bills approved by School Committee.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Teachers' salaries,	$5,375.26	
Janitors' salaries,	142.86	
Fuel,	361.20	
Books and Supplies,	291.07	
Tuition,	24.50	
Supervision,	286.00	
Miscellaneous,	66.60	
		$6,547.49

TOWN ACCOUNT.

New building,	$1,110.63	
General repairs and furnishings,	145.92	
		$1,256.55
Total,		$7,804.04

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of pupils enrolled,	486
" " " between 5 and 15,	448
" " " " 7 and 14,	324
" " " under 5,	15
" " " over 15,	36

Perfect in attendance one year,	12
" " " two terms,	32
" " " one term,	77

It is fitting here to mention the two children who, during the school year, have been called away by the Angel of Death, Eddie Rogers and Ralph Wolfskill. It is pleasant to record that Eddie Rogers, though an orphan, received the kindly ministrations of those who had learned to love him. The circumstances of the death of Ralph Wolfskill also called for universal sympathy.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools in 1904.

To include teachers' wages, cost of fuel, books and supplies, salary of school committee, truant officers and janitors and miscellaneous expenses,	$4,500.00	
For general repairs,	400.00	
		$4,900.00

The above recommendation is made on the basis of the continuance of existing conditions so far as the supervision of your schools is concerned. But there is now before the Legislature a bill which reads as follows:

"AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF THE INCOME OF THE SCHOOL FUND."

"Section 1. No town shall receive any portion of the income of the school fund unless it shall have complied with all laws relating to the public schools to the satisfaction of the board of education."

"Section 2. No portion of the income of the school fund shall be used for the payment of compensation or expenses of members of School Committees."

If the town deems it best in anticipation of the passage of the above bill to provide for the election of a District Superintendent your committee would recommend appropriations as follows:

For support of schools—To include teachers' wages, cost of fuel, books and supplies, salaries of Superintendent, School Committee, truant officers, janitors and miscellaneous expenses, $7,227.33

For general repairs, 400.00

$7,627.33

M. A. MORSE,
GEO. H. B. GREEN,
MARIA D. S. LONGLEY,
} *School Committee of Belchertown.*

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number.	No. Enrolled.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. between 5 and 15.	No. between 7 and 14.	Spring.		Fall.		Winter.	
							Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.	Membership.	Attendance.
High	78	54	0	26	28	18	52	49	68	65	68	62
Center Grammar	64	37	0	7	30	27	36	33	39	36	37	34
Center Intermediate	37	22	0	0	22	20	21	20	24	23	24	20
Center Primary	42	42	0	0	42	28	33	31	20	19	22	20
Cold Spring	21	21	0	0	21	15	19	16	18	16	15	11
Franklin Grammar	23	23	0	0	23	23	21	18	16	15	15	13
Franklin Primary	40	38	2	0	36	16	29	22	31	26	27	18
Liberty	38	38	1	0	37	23	33	29	26	23	21	18
Washington	22	16	0	0	16	10	13	10	15	12	10	9
Rock Rimmon	22	19	0	0	22	20	16	15	14	12	15	14
Chestnut Hill	26	24	0	1	23	18	24	23	20	19	19	16
Holyoke	28	25	0	0	25	19	24	23	22	20	18	16
Federal	31	30	0	1	29	17	28	25	24	22	13	10
Lake Vale	38	18	1	0	17	10	14	11	16	15	15	13
Union	18	33	1	0	32	24	24	18	26	23	19	18
West Hill	16	10	0	0	10	7	8	8	13	10	8	6
East Hill	13	13	0	1	12	10	8	8	10	10	10	10
Laurel	14	11	0	0	11	9	10	8	10	7	8	6
Blue Meadow	16	12	0	0	12	10	12	10	13	12	15	14
	587	486	5	36	448	324	425	377	425	385	379	328

Roll of Honor.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FIVE YEARS.

Maude Austin,
George Morency.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOUR YEARS.

Everett Geer.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS.

Florence Baggs.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Ruth Jackson,
Daniel Coleman.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

Marie Davis,
Lulu Shea,
Agnes Thayer,
Edith Thayer,
Grace Thayer,
Gordon Ruiter.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Laura Chamberlin,
Dorothy Thomson,
Clark Spellman,
Richard Michel,
William Ruiter,
Anna Coleman,
Esther Jackson,
Ethel Hurlbert,
Florence Gould,
Mabel Wood,

George Mayo,
William Ginty,
Roland Gage,
Lillian Austin,
Clifford Geer,
John Sullivan,
Katherine Moriarty,
Willie Keyes,
Alfred Squires,
Paul Squires,
Lawrence Hayden,
John Austin,
Carl White,
Robert Baggs,
Henry Baggs,
Maria Baggs,
Lewis Thayer,
Frank Moriarty,
Bessie Alden,
Florence Dodd,
Mary Antanavitch,
Henry Martin,

Eva A. Crafts.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Katie Shea,
Patrick Shea,
Thomas Sullivan,
Lizzie Shea,
Marion Sturtevant,
Edward Shea,
Fanny Thayer,
Theron Pratt,
Lillian Paddock,
Vanda Paddock,
Marcella Smith,
Carlton Eugene White,
Bertha L. Eaton,
Ruth C. Eaton,
Eda E. Stadler,
Minnie S. Stadler,
Philip Sanford,
Phyllis Hopkins,
Lillian Wood,
Helen Adkins,
Eva Crafts,
Clifford Sheldon,
John Keyes,
Olive Demorest,
James Wheeler,
Ray Bardwell,
Lucy Hanifin,
Ellen Garvey,
Roy Baggs,
Alice Geer,
Henry Rukley,
John Rukley,
Beatrice Bowler,
Maybelle Bowler,
George LeGrande,
Philip LeGrand,
Fred Farrell,
Merton Marshall,
Gordon Tupper,
James Wilson,
Francis Carew,
Clifford P. Keyes,
Gertie Shea,
John Sullivan,
Patrick Keyes,
Charlotte Little,
Della Dodge,
Joseph Driscoll,

Bertie Clifford,
Parker Freeman,
Maggie Austin,
Arthur Sheldon,
Effie Witt,
Anna LeGrand,
Marion Bridgman,
Charles Austin,
Robert Bridgman,
Leon Aldrich,
Henry Cooley,
Walter Campbell,
Willie McElheney,
Lewis Dodge,
Roscoe Nautz,
Cora Randolph,
Florence Wood,
Winnifred Powers,
Grace Segnor,
Ethel Alden,
Carolyn Holland,
Marcella Carmody,
May Carmody,
Grover Snow,
Harry Jackson,
Frances Freeman,
Agnes Riley,
Doris Spellman.

Town Warrant.

COMMOMWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
HAMPSHIRE, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday the seventh day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; One School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years; One Highway Surveyor for one year; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town: vote "Yes" or "No," all on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: Three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, for the purchase of school books and other supplies, and for supervision and incidentals.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repairs of schoolhouses.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray town expenses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray pauper expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to take such action on said repairs as the town may deem best, and to act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of its tax collector for collecting its taxes for 1904.

ART. 11. To see if the town will fix the date upon which taxes must be paid for the year 1904.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to abate the tax assessed to Stephen Sullivan for 1903.

ART. 13. To see if the town will grant permission to Henry R. Gould to take water from the town well on the south end of the common for domestic purposes. Agreeably to the petition of Henry R. Gould and fourteen others.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to buy the Stage property owned by the Ladies Guild, and fitted for use in the Town Hall, for the sum of ten dollars, and to raise money for the same. Agreeably to the petition of D. L. Hazen and ten others.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the Bondsville road, near the house of Wm. Mansfield, to the middle of the bridge over Swift River, known as the Mansfield bridge.

ART. 16. To see if the town will accept and care for the cemetery known as the Morse cemetery near Tylerville.

ART. 17. To see if the town will instruct the officials having charge of the Whiting Street Fund, the Susan M. D. Bridgman fund, and the various bequests given the town under certain conditions applying to the expenditure of the income thereof, to make an annual report in relation to each fund or bequest, showing the number of families receiving assistance from each fund, and the amounts received by each; the amount expended from the income of each bequest and the unexpended balances of each. Said reports to be printed in the annual reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to a water supply for the Center Schools.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several burying grounds.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount an all taxes paid to its collector on certain dates, to be fixed by the town, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize the Chairman of Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to use and care of the town house.

ART. 23. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock for the year ensuing.

ART. 24. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 25. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards and act thereon.

ART. 26. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M. and will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M. unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational Church, one on the Baptist Church, one at the depot at Dwight and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of February A. D. 1904.

M. S. BARTON,
A. C. SMITH,
E. A. RANDALL,
Selectmen of Belchertown.

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